

The Weather  
Oakland and Vicinity—Unsettled  
weather tonight  
and Tuesday;  
probable showers,  
with light south-  
westerly winds.

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## KAISER SHAKES MAILED FIST AT WORLD; SOCIALISTS SPLIT RUSS PEACE PLAN

### SHIP STRIKE MAY MEAN RETURN OF MEDIATORS

Ten Thousand Workers May  
Be Out by Wednesday; Ask  
Ten Per Cent Wage Increase

GOVERNMENT WORK IS  
NOT TO BE AFFECTED

Piez Scores Movement for Big  
Increase; Says Any Delay  
Means Aid to the Enemy

Prediction that the Federal Wage  
Adjustment Commission or the United  
States Mediation Commission would  
be recalled to the San Francisco bay  
region to settle the differences be-  
tween officials and employees of bay  
foundries, which threaten to result in  
a new strike of iron trades workers  
today. Officials of the Iron Trades  
Council declared that the new strike,  
if one is called, will not affect any  
shipbuilding or other government  
work.

The strike order was issued today.  
Before night Iron Trades Council of-  
ficials predict 5000 men will be on  
strike.

Mortimer Fleischacker, named as  
special mediator in strike troubles,  
was in conference this morning with  
union officials in regard to a propo-  
sitive settlement of the difficulties.  
The Iron Trades workers are asking  
for the same increase given to men  
employed on government ships.

Three unions affiliated with the  
council are expected to strike before  
night, and a number of others will  
strike before the end of the week,  
unless the California Metal Trades  
Council agrees to grant all trades in  
the council the 10 per cent wage in-  
crease over the scale fixed by the  
United States Adjustment Commission,  
which has been accepted by the gov-  
ernment.

All foundries announced last week  
that they would remain closed today  
on account of the Christmas holidays.

CONFLICTING STATEMENTS  
ISSUED BY OFFICIALS

Conflicting statements were issued  
by officials of the Iron Trades' Coun-  
cil and those of the Foundrymen's  
Association and the California Metal  
Trades Council.

Secretary F. C. Miller of the Iron  
Trades' Council declared that fourteen  
foundries had already agreed to grant  
the new schedule, and intimated that  
it was likely that others would follow  
suit. He said that the fourteen who  
had agreed represented about one-  
third of the larger plants involved.

The statement of Miller was branded  
as ridiculous by E. J. Fowler of the  
executive committee of the Foundry-  
men's Association. Fowler said:

"There may have been one or two  
isolated cases of foundries granting  
the increase, but certainly no more  
than a very small percentage.

"So far as we are concerned, the  
strike exists."

The same view was taken by Sec-  
retary Frederick C. Metcalf of the  
Metal Trades' Association.

CONFERENCE TO  
DETERMINE COURSE

The Metal Trades' Association and  
the Foundrymen held a conference  
this afternoon to determine upon a  
course of action. Delegates of the  
local unions affiliated with the Iron  
Trades' Council will meet tonight at  
the San Francisco Labor Temple to  
hear a report as to the position taken  
by the employers and to decide  
whether the strike shall be made  
general in all the plants not doing  
government work Wednesday.

It is understood that the foundries  
and iron works not engaged in ship  
work fear that if there is a walkout  
the shipbuilding plants will absorb all  
the skilled workers who are on strike,  
paying the increased wage, and that  
the foundries are in a position where  
they are virtually forced to meet the  
demands or definitely break with the  
Metal Trades' Association.

It is estimated by the Iron Trades  
Council leaders that 10,000 men will  
be on strike Wednesday. At several  
local plants which were operating to-  
day it was stated that the force had  
not been reduced by the walkout more  
than 10 or 20 per cent.

A few of the foundries have granted  
the increase demanded. Among  
these is the American Brass and Iron  
Foundry, where it was reported that  
the company had agreed to the sched-  
ule. The same is said to have been  
done by the men doing the same work  
as those in the shipyards, had to live

World Leaders  
Voice Christmas  
Greetings to U. S.

Pope Benedict and Various  
Heads of Departments  
Wire Messages.

POPE BENEDICT

ROME, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict  
today sent to the people of Amer-  
ica, in a statement to the United  
Press, through the papal secretary  
of state, this Christmas message:

The Holy Father sends to the  
people of America his cordial  
greetings and prays they may take  
to heart in this time of strife and  
suffering the true lessons of the  
Christmas tide—the lessons of  
God's unceasing love for mankind,  
and the lessons of unfaltering  
courage and sacrifice of self.

More especially, he calls upon  
the little children to whom this  
day of days belongs, to pray with  
all their hearts to the Babe of  
Bethlehem, that He may protect  
their loved ones and give back to  
the world that peace which He  
came to bring upon earth.

SECRETARY BAKER

Christmas greetings to American  
soldiers was voiced today by Sec-  
retary of War Baker in the follow-  
ing message to THE TRIBUNE:

"Let me extend, through your  
columns, to the men of our forces,  
the greetings of the War Depart-  
ment and my own well wishes.

"Our's is a nation which has  
greater love for the Prince of  
Peace than for the god of war—  
and only to the attainment of a  
permanent, liberalized peace may  
our martial efforts be directed.

(Signed)

"NEWTON D. BAKER."

SECRETARY LANSING

Secretary of State Lansing said:  
"Christmas tide has become by  
long-established customs the time  
for the giving of gifts, a time when  
hearts, inspired with thankfulness  
to God for his supreme gift to  
mankind, with responsive emo-  
tions which find expression in acts  
of love and generosity.

"It is peculiarly fitting there-  
fore in these days when the world  
is darkened by war and misery,  
that the American people should  
with a true Christmas spirit, give  
of their bounty to that great  
agency of mercy, the American  
Red Cross, which is doing such  
splendid service in alleviating suf-  
fering on the battle fields of Eu-  
rope and in bringing comfort to  
the thousands of helpless ones  
who are victims of the brutalities  
of war.

"In response to the general im-  
pulses awakened by thoughts of  
Christmas let us as a nation show  
our love for humanity and our  
gratitude to God by remembering  
at this time the Red Cross and its  
needs."

SECRETARY WILSON

The man power of the nation is  
fully mobilized to meet the war  
emergency. Secretary of Labor  
Wilson brought this Christmas  
message to the President today  
when he returned to Washington  
after a three months' tour of the  
country as head of the President's  
industrial commission.

The general labor situation has  
shown immeasurable improvement  
as the result of the commission's  
work, Secretary Wilson told the  
President in a brief memorandum.  
Practically all the big strikes have  
been reached with the workers that  
production shall not be suspended,  
pending the conciliation of dis-  
putes. Production will gain mo-  
mentum as the months go by, Sec-  
retary Wilson said.

TRACE GRAIN FIRE

CARLTON, Ore., Dec. 24.—Local,  
state and federal authorities today  
are investigating the destruction by fire  
of the plant of the Johnson Elevator  
Company here Sunday, when following a  
double explosion, the elevators and 515-  
000 worth of grain therein were com-  
pletely ruined, entailing a total loss  
of \$220,000.

Two explosions occurred before the  
flames broke out Sunday morning,  
and subsequent investigations showed that  
the same cause had been drilled, but not  
caused. Sheriff Hughes is inclined to  
believe the drilling of the safe was a  
blind and that the fire was the work of  
alien enemies or I. W. W., with no in-  
tent of robbery.

### ITALIANS DRIVE BACK HUNS OVER PIAVE RIVER

Austro-Germans Pass Posi-  
tions of Defenders in Aisago  
Sector; Counter Move Holds

VIOLENT ATTACKS ARE  
REPULSED ALONG CERNIA

Haig Reports Defeat of All the  
Enemy Attacks Southeast of  
Ephery and Near Labasse

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS  
LEASD WIRE TO TRIBUNE

ROME, Dec. 24.—Enemy forces  
which had crossed the Piave river at  
Piave Vecchia have been driven back  
over the river, the war office an-  
nounces.

On the mountain front, the state-  
ment says, the Austro-Germans passed  
the Italian positions in the Aisago  
sector in the region of Buzomonte  
yesterday, but stopped at the eastern  
rear positions from where the Ital-  
ians are counter-attacking with sat-  
isfactory results.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Germany  
has started a powerful offensive in  
Macedonia, probably to anticipate the  
allied campaign about ready to begin.  
Along the Cerna river three violent  
attacks against positions held by  
Italians have been repulsed, with  
heavy losses, official despatches  
state. The fighting continues.

BY INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE  
LEASD WIRE TO TRIBUNE

An intimation that the allies are  
planning an offensive campaign in the  
Balkans was contained in the official  
announcement that General Sarrai,  
allied commander-in-chief on the  
Macedonian front, has been suc-  
ceeded by General Guillemin.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Repulse of hos-  
tile raids on several sections of the  
British line was reported by Field  
Marshal Haig today.

"Southeast of Ephery yesterday  
afternoon," he said, "the enemy at-  
tempted a raid and was driven off.  
In the neighborhood of Monchy Le  
Preux and west of Labasse other  
hostile parties were repulsed."

LEFT ONE MILLION

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The will  
of Philip Kohn, capitalist, who died De-  
cember 19, at the age of 57 years, was  
filed for probate by his widow, Suzanne,  
and David Friedreich.

The will distributed an estate of over  
a million dollars to Mrs. Kohn; a sister,  
Mrs. Ella Rebecca Benjamin; his brother,  
George A. Kohn; the Mt. Zion Hospital,  
Pacific Hebrew Society, Associated Char-  
ities and others.

The deceased was a son of Oregon  
Kohn, who died at the advanced age of  
80, leaving an estate valued at \$4,000,000,  
of which Philip Kohn received one-half.  
He resided at 271 Tenth avenue and had  
offices in the Kohn Buildings.

GIFT FOR SUNDAY

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Billy  
Sunday left here today with a check  
for \$20,162 as a Christmas gift from  
citizens of Atlanta. He left behind  
14,870 trail-hitters as his Christmas  
present to this city.

Billy said his gift to Atlanta was  
not as big as he had hoped, but reli-  
gious workers and business men who  
sponsored the revival declared it was  
an unequalled success.

Sunday goes to his home in Indiana  
for the holidays. He will speak in  
Chicago before going to Washington  
to open a revival there on January 6.

GRIEF KILLS HIM

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec.  
24.—Major-General Arthur Bruce de  
Saulles, father of John L. de Saulles,  
who was shot by his wife at Mineola,  
L. I., died here today of a broken  
heart. General de Saulles had not  
been in good health for months and  
the tragic killing of his son by Mrs.  
Bianquita de Saulles brought to him  
a crushing grief that hastened his end.  
Mrs. de Saulles was acquitted after a  
dramatic trial at Mineola.

DRAFT DEFEATED

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 24.—Further  
return from the referendum  
have increased the vote against com-  
pulsory military service and the de-  
feat of the plan is now beyond doubt.  
The political situation is very uncer-  
tain. Premier Hughes has made no  
statement thus far, but in certain  
quarters there is evidence of opposi-  
tion to his continued leadership of  
the Nationalists, the dominant party.

### BEWARE OF HUN'S PEACE OFFER, SAYS SEC. BAKER

Germany's Insidious Propa-  
ganda Should Not Induce Us  
to Slacken War Preparations

KAISER WILL SUE FOR  
"PEACE BEFORE VICTORY"

United States Must Assume  
Full Responsibility for Big  
Struggle and Win the War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Ger-  
many's insidious Christmas peace  
propaganda should not for a moment  
induce us to slacken our preparations  
for war.

Secretary Baker's weekly war sum-  
mary voiced the warning today,  
pointing out clearly that Germany is  
now trying to knock Italy out of the  
fight, while at the same time she is  
testing out the west front, prelimi-  
nary to a big offensive.

He warned, too, that America's por-  
tion of the struggle is vast and that  
"our armies constitute the reserves  
of victory."

On the subject of Teuton peace  
feelers and America's task the sec-  
retary said:

IS ONLY FORERUNNER  
OF GERMAN OFFENSIVE

"It would appear that as a fore-  
runner to the German offensive herald-  
ed to be launched in the west an in-  
tensive peace propaganda is under  
way. Officials here see in the Russo-  
German gathering at Brest-Litovsk  
an effort by Germany to effect sep-  
arate peace with Russia during the  
holdings for the psychological effect  
on other nations.

"Careful examination of the situa-  
tion reveals that the enemy is again  
preparing to sue for peace before  
victory," Baker said.

Information from various sources  
confirms the reports that the German  
would have the world believe that the  
military situation is such that they  
are able to dictate the terms of peace.

They, therefore, threatened that un-  
less this dictated peace is accepted by  
the allied powers, and ourselves the  
German forces now being concentrated  
on the western front will break  
through the allied line in the west.

"The various reports of immediate  
peace proposals by the Germans on  
seemingly favorable terms should not  
lead to any conclusion, we must  
prepare for war."

SIMILAR RUMORS WERE  
MADE LAST CHRISTMAS

"It is only necessary for us to re-  
call that during the Christmas season  
last year the Germans put forth a  
very similar peace rumor, which was  
refuted."

"In considering the German mili-  
tary situation in its true light it must  
be understood that the Germans  
realize that within a short time our  
armies will form the principal body  
of their strategic reserves remaining  
available for action on the battle  
fields of Europe. Thus, no matter  
what superiority in men and guns  
the enemy may, for the time being,  
be able to bring to bear in the west  
and even admitting an eventual mod-  
ification of the allied line in his favor,  
nevertheless, he knows that insofar  
as it is humanly possible to foresee,  
his effort will inevitably result in  
merely a local success which can have  
no determining influence on the final  
outcome of the war."

Pointing out that France and Eng-  
land have done a mighty task, Baker  
added:

U. S. MUST ASSUME  
FULL RESPONSIBILITY

"It is our duty in looking to the  
future to realize that if we are to  
fulfill the pledge we made on enter-  
ing the war, if we are to fight this  
war to the end, we must assume the full  
responsibility that rests upon us. We are the fresh-  
est in the struggle; we have the re-  
serve manpower and the reserve  
chemical power. Our armies consti-  
tute the reserves of victory."

Noting the addition of fresh Teu-  
ton forces in Italy, the secretary said  
the Hun is trying to get Italy out of  
the war and seeking to accomplish an  
enveloping movement to effect the  
destruction of Italian and allied forces  
while at the same time using on a  
"subversive propaganda" within Italy.

"We can confidently rely on the  
fighting morale of the Italian people,"  
Baker said.

### Wilhelm Declares He'll Strike With "Iron Fist" If Enemies Refuse Peace

By United Press.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—"If the enemy does not want peace,  
then we must bring peace to the world by the battering of our iron  
fist and our shining sword," Kaiser Wilhelm declared in a speech to  
the second army.

"Despite three years of war and suffering," the Kaiser continued,  
"our old offensive spirit is still effective."

"This is shown," the German emperor added, "by our recent great  
victories in Flanders and at Cambrai, where the arrogant British first  
felt the crushing power of our offensive blow."

The Kaiser, continuing, extrava-  
gantly praised the tactics, strategy  
and valor of the successful defense of  
his troops on the west front. He re-  
ferred specifically to the defense  
which German troops interposed  
"against the attempt to advance to-  
ward Brussels," as "the most gigantic  
feat in history."

The year 1917," the Kaiser said,  
"has proved that the German people  
have in the Lord of Creation above  
an unconditional and avowed ally  
upon whom they can absolutely rely.  
Without Him, all would have been  
in vain."

The Kaiser's speech was made Sun-  
day to the second army, somewhere on  
the west front.

In a speech to the Second Army on  
Saturday Emperor Wilhelm said:  
"It has been a year full of events  
for the German army and the Ger-  
man Fatherland. Powerful blows  
have been delivered and your com-  
rades in the west have been able to  
bring about greater decisions."

"There has been no man, no officer,  
and no general on the whole eastern  
front, wherever I have spoken to  
them, who has not frankly admitted  
they could not have accom-  
plished what they have if their com-  
rades in the west had not stood to  
a man."

The tactical and strategic con-  
nection between the battles of the  
Aisne, in the Champagne, Artols and  
Flanders and the events in the east  
and Italy is so manifest that it is use-  
less to make any doubt of it.

GERMAN ARMY WORKS  
IN CENTRALIZED STYLE

"With a centralized direction, the  
German army works in a centralized  
manner. In order that they should be  
able to deliver these offensive blows  
one portion of the army had to re-  
main on the defensive, hard as this is  
for the German soldier. Such a de-  
fensive battle, however, has been  
fought in 1917 without parallel. A  
fraction of the German army accepted  
the heavy task, covering its comrades  
in the east unconditionally, and it had  
the entire Anglo-French army against  
itself."

By long preparation the enemy  
has collected unheard of technical  
means and masses of ammunition  
and guns in order to make his entry  
into Brussels over your front as he  
proudly announced. The enemy has  
achieved nothing."

"The most gigantic feat ever ac-  
cepted by an army and one without  
parallel in history was accomplished  
by the German army. I don't boast.  
It is a fact and nothing else. The  
army that you have earned shall be  
your reward and at the same time  
place in the shade or surpass what  
you have accomplished, however  
great and overwhelming it may be."

"The year 1917, with its great vic-  
tories has proved that the German peo-  
ple has in the Lord of Creation above  
an unconditional and avowed ally on  
whom it can absolutely rely. With-  
out Him all would have been in vain.  
Everyone of you had to exert  
every nerve to the utmost, know-  
ing that everyone of you in the un-  
paralleled drum fire did superhuman  
deeds. The feeling may have been  
frequently with you: 'If we only  
had some relief.' It came as the re-  
sult of the 'Hun' in the east, where it  
is seen that the storms of war there  
are at present silenced. God grant  
that it may be forever."

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS  
LEASD WIRE TO TRIBUNE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—The Vor-  
warts, the Socialist organ, reported  
that there had been orders to suspend pub-  
lication for three days, appeared un-  
expected Sunday. It says its suspen-  
sion was due to criticism of the pro-  
visioning of war invalids under the  
heading "Let Them Go Back."

The Vorwarts prints prominently a  
defense of Herr von Wadow, the food  
controller. It quotes him as denying  
having excused or tolerated certain  
conditions alleged, but as admitting  
that illicit trading has assumed pro-  
portions which threaten to endanger  
the food supply.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—A des-  
patch received here from Ernst-Li-

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### MILITARY BALKS AT BOLSHEVSKI ARMISTICE

Serious Difficulties Arise Be-  
tween German Government  
and Majority of Socialists

DEMOCRATIC PEACE  
SOUGHT BY RADICALS

Terms Being Studied by the  
Central Powers; Consider-  
able Opposition to the Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—"Serious  
difficulties" between the imperial  
German government and the majority  
Socialists have resulted from the con-  
clusion of an armistice with Russian  
Maximalists, the countess on public  
information learned today in a radio  
message from Lyons, France.

German military authorities, the  
message says, are strongly opposing  
Socialist assemblies and are doing all  
within their power to thwart an ex-  
pansion of the Socialist movement.

This message is quoted from  
Zurich despatches to a French news  
agency.

"Word comes from Berlin that the  
conclusion of the armistice with the  
Maximalists has, as a first effect, pro-  
duced serious difficulties between the  
imperial government and the majority  
Socialists. The latter, in fact, ad-  
vise openly their ideas about peace  
conditions and those tendencies of  
which the Pan-Germans and mili-  
tarists complain. Numberless incidents  
have occurred. The prohibiting of the  
meeting arranged for last Sunday in  
Berlin by the majorities is not an iso-  
late case.

"The communication of the Socialist  
party in the protest that was ad-  
dressed to the imperial chancellor  
mentioned a large number of abuses  
committed by militarists against the  
right of holding meetings. The Pan-  
Germanists, on the other hand, re-  
proach the Socialists for their anti-  
national attitude. The chairman of the  
Committee Koltschinnen, in which is  
found this significant passage:

"The members of Center, National  
Liberals and Progressives are trying  
to exploit to the plaudits of the an-  
nexionist views the principle according  
to which people should have control  
over their own destinies. Thus they  
are trying to combine the banners of  
the Baltic and the Boughers of  
Poland with a view to concluding an  
arrangement which will be fatal to  
the needs of the proletariat on the  
eastern front. It seeks at this time  
to act as though these were foregone  
conclusions."

CIRCUMSTANCE IS  
STYLED AUSPICIOUS

"It is an auspicious circumstance  
that the negotiations open within  
sight of that festival which for cen-  
turies past has promised peace on  
earth, good will to men. I enter upon  
the negotiations with the desire that  
they may make speedy and pro-  
sperous progress."

The German foreign minister pro-  
posed the following rules, which were  
adopted:

"Questions of precedence will be  
decided according to the alphabetical  
list of the represented powers.

"Plenary sittings will be presided  
over by the chief representative of  
each of the five powers in rotation.  
The following languages may be  
used in the debate:  
German, Bulgarian, Russian and  
Turkish.

"Questions interesting only part of  
the represented powers may be dis-  
cussed separately.

"Official reports of the proceedings  
will be drafted jointly.

"The delegates of the Central  
powers declared their readiness to  
begin the examination of the Russian  
program. The result of their labors  
will be discussed at the next sitting."

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—Leon Trotsky,  
the Bolshevik foreign minister, at a  
meeting of the revolutionary organiza-  
tions assembled in congress, read docu-  
ments and telegrams which he declared  
contained evidence that Americans were  
convinced that the Russian revolution  
was a success.

"If public opinion is refractory,"  
Trotsky added, "the constituency  
should be consulted."

The Bolshevik foreign minister as-  
serted in conclusion that "if the Bol-  
sheviki succumb, anarchy threatens  
Russia."

TERMS STUDIED BY  
CENTRAL POWERS  
BY INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE  
LEASD WIRE TO TRIBUNE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—The report that  
Germany has rejected the peace terms  
of the Russian Bolsheviks and that  
the Russian delegates were recalled  
from Brest-Litovsk was announced, ac-  
cording to a despatch received today from  
several sources.

One despatch that came from a  
German source said that the Russian  
peace terms "are now being studied  
by the envoys of the Central powers."

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FEUD KILLS FOUR

BREKIDEN, W. Va., Dec. 24.—A  
feud breaking out here today between  
the Marcum and Dingess families re-  
sulted in the death of four men and  
the serious injury of one woman.

Charles Dingess is said to have en-  
tered the Wade H. Marcum home and  
killed Marcum and his two sons, Mrs.  
Marcum then opened fire on Dingess  
and killed him after she had been  
wounded.

### TO ALL OAKLAND NEWSBOYS

The produce men of Oakland and San Francisco, through  
a committee headed by J. T. Hunt, have presented seventy-  
five boxes of luscious apples to Crane Wilbur of the Bishop  
Playhouse to be distributed where they will bring the most  
happiness on Christmas Day.

Mr. Wilbur has requested The OAKLAND TRIBUNE to  
notify all the Oakland newsboys and their friends to be on  
hand at 12 noon in front of the

Tribune Branch Office  
1422 San Pablo

to receive their share of these big, red apples.



# BAKER WILL TESTIFY IN ARMY PROBE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Baker is preparing to answer critics of the war department before the Senate military probe committee. His testimony will show, administration officials declare, "remarkable progress in an unusual time in the face of unusual conditions."

Despite vigorous criticism of Chief of Ordnance Crozier, Quartermaster General Sharpe and Baker himself by members of the committee, President Wilson and heads of the war, navy and shipping departments are optimistic at the developments in the different congressional investigations. It was officially stated today. Baker will appear in person probably late this week when the military probe resumes operations. When the Senate military affairs committee resumes its inquiry Wednesday, Quartermaster General Sharpe will again testify.

**BAKER LAST**

Colonel Isaac Lewis' charges will be taken up when Secretary Baker is called. It is likely Baker's testimony will be saved until practically the last. One phase of the working of General Sharpe's department which is to be gone into this week is the spending of a large sum to build houses for workers in munitions factories. Most of this money has been spent in a small district within a radius of 200 or 300 miles of Philadelphia, committee men said today. They want to know why the war department did not use some of it in manufacturing centers farther inland, through Ohio, Illinois and Western Pennsylvania. They pointed out that congestion of munitions workers along the Atlantic seaboard has complicated difficulties of the shipping board in furnishing places for the workers to live.

**TO DISCUSS CHARGE**

Secretary Baker is to discuss Colonel Lewis' charges against General Crozier, ordnance chief, and the system Lewis called "Crozierism."

The department's attitude, which probably will reveal itself in Baker's testimony, follows:

Sufficient machine guns will be ready when needed. It is not true that the Browning machine gun has never had a test, as Lewis claimed. It was tested in Springfield last spring and found to work better than other guns because of a greater play in mechanism.

Lewis' statements are regarded as the outgrowth of a personal feud. While the Senate investigation has made it appear that Crozier is borrowing from the depleted French supply, the fact is the United States is sending over gun casings and parts for use in French factories.

The main lack in the ordnance situation is that of heavy artillery. Colonel Lewis' claim that Pershing's army is short of rifles is untrue. The Pershing force is supplied with five rifles per man.

# OAKLAND HAS LOWEST DEATH RATE IN U. S.

That Oakland on the general average is the healthiest city to live in is evidenced in the report of John Mellen of the city health department, showing that during the week ending December 15 Oakland had the lowest death rate of any city in the country with over 100,000 inhabitants. The death rate was 6.1 per cent out of 1000. The rates in other cities were: Seattle, 8.1; Portland, 8.5; New York, 13.3; and Washington, D. C., 20.2.

# HYNES SURPRISED

The members of the staff of District Attorney W. H. L. Hynes gave their chief a surprise party this afternoon at 2 o'clock by way of expression of their Christmas cheer with him. On behalf of the staff Assistant District Attorney James M. Koford made a presentation of a landscape by Ferrier, the English artist, for publication. It was a surprise and the chief knew of it he very graciously conciliated his information, and there was some difficulty experienced in getting him in harness for the occasion. This presentation was in Hynes' office which was crowded with members of the staff and men from the building. Hynes made a happy speech of appreciation.

# BENEFIT PLANNED

The Unity Club and Sunday School of the First Unitarian Church will give a special Christmas program for the benefit of the starving children in Europe next Wednesday evening at Starr King hall, 1000 Broadway. The program will be given by Miss Olive Reed. Recitations will be given by Mrs. Fred Clements, and Christmas choruses by the children of the Sunday school. The program will close with a sketch and tableaux of "The Old Family Album," given under the direction of Mrs. H. J. Miller.

# FIRE NOT CERTAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Official advice today brought no confirmation of a reported fire in the Krupp works at Essen, except rumors in Holland which are unverified.

Despatches forwarded the Holland rumors, but gave no additional facts. London advice is that the original report was not circulated by the British admiralty wireless but based on unverified Dutch rumors.

# ENEMIES JAILED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—Four alien enemies are in the county jail today as a result of raids by federal officers Sunday night. An even dozen of the men were taken from one location house.

# DRAFT INFORMATION

(From U. S. Legal Advisory Board for Alameda Co.)

**BULLETIN NO. 15.**  
Deferred Classification: Industry, agriculture.—Registrants who desire a claim deferred classification because of participation in a necessary industry or agriculture are advised to get into communication with their employers in order to secure their signatures to the necessary supporting affidavits found in the questionnaire, supporting affidavit No. 1, on page 4, should be filled out and signed by the employer. The questionnaire, supporting affidavit No. 2, on page 13, should be filled out by the registrant.

**BULLETIN NO. 16.**  
Unclaiming deferred classification.—To claim deferred classification because of participation in a necessary industry or agriculture, the registrant must be employed by a necessary industry or agriculture. Deferred classification may be claimed on only one ground. Registrants in addition to putting crosses on the questionnaire, supporting affidavit No. 1, on page 4, should fill in the blanks in the questionnaire, supporting affidavit No. 2, on page 13, immediately below the classification.

# HUN SOLDIERS TOLD NEW YORK HAS BEEN TAKEN

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 24.—German soldiers are being told by their officers that German forces have captured New York and are marching on Washington, according to a Baltimore man now with General Pershing's forces in France. In a letter to his mother, the soldier said:

"Just a little incident of how ignorant the German soldiers are kept of the part the United States is playing in the war was shown to me the other day while a crowd of us was talking to German prisoners."

"One expressed surprise on being told that the American army was meeting with success. The poor fellow had seen, I have been told by officers that the German army had invaded the United States, captured New York and was marching on Washington."

# SOCIALISTS SPLIT RUSS PEACE PLAN

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and that another meeting will be held shortly when their views will be given.

Germany is doing her utmost to use the peace party with Russia as an opening wedge for a general discussion of terms by the belligerent powers. This is shown by the report from Copenhagen that the Kaiser contemplates the calling of a general congress of the sovereigns of Europe to end the war and settle the affairs of all nations that have been disarranged by the war. Such a meeting was held at Vienna in 1814 after Napoleon had been sent to the island of Elba in order to arrange the boundaries of Europe that had been upset by the Napoleonic wars. There are six terms in the Russian peace program, chief of which is that there shall be no annexations and that the Germans shall evacuate the Russian territory they have occupied.

A cablegram to the International News Service on Saturday from Stockholm stated that the Russian peace envoys demanded that the German peace envoys shall give up all the Russian territory they have overrun, and shall allow Poland to work out its own problems of autonomous government.

# SOLDIERS AT PETROGRAD IN WILD RIOTING

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Russia's Bolsheviks are dreaming the fantastic nightmare of peace at Brest-Litovsk, while fighting desperately at home to retain control, according to latest despatches.

Petrograd was reported in almost a reign of terror. Soldiers from the garrisons, drunk with wine from looted shops, indulged in the wildest rioting in the streets. Firing of machine guns and rifles was constant.

The Bolsheviks, who are a regular skirmish line in the Marie Theater square and were not dispersed until after vigorous fighting, in which Bolshevik guards ran down scores under the name of "Reds."

Yosow despatches reported a declaration of martial law by the Bolsheviks. General Kaledines formally retired from his place as military dictator of the revolt against the Bolsheviks, urging them to the rebels of a government which would be representative of the whole people.

In the meantime the Bolshevik delegates to the peace congress at Brest-Litovsk were endeavoring to patch up some kind of an understanding with the German government, especially the whole program of "no annexations and no indemnities" had been outlined to the sitting by the Bolshevik representatives and that the Germans had promised to examine it. German Foreign Minister Kuehlmann opened the meeting with a speech urging peace. To London the most significant phrase in that address was the Teuton minister's declaration:

"My idea is to fix the important conditions for peaceful and neighborly intercourse, especially in the cultural and economic sense."

# PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.—American Ambassador Francis announced today he was preparing for publication throughout Russia an explanation of incidents in connection with Red Cross efforts to send supplies into regions occupied by enemies of the Bolsheviks.

The incident has brought tense relations between the Trotsky-Lenin government and the American embassy. Colonel Koldashnikov, a Russian army officer, in charge of Bolshevik troops at the entrance to the American mission in Rumania, has been arrested, charged by the Bolsheviks with attempting to get Red Cross supplies through to General Kaledines' revolutionaries.

In a speech before a revolutionary gathering Trotsky formally charged that the American government was seeking to aid Kaledines and threatened the United States with "the heaviest of revolutions."

American Red Cross officials here denied the charges that aid was being extended Kaledines that he might overthrow the Bolsheviks and that the Red Cross had been transmitting through Koldashnikov.

# BATTERY BOYS OFF

Having been industrious in their studies in the art of being soldiers and completed their preliminary training in recent time, the boys of the 1344 Field Artillery, stationed at Camp Kearney, have been given a Christmas furlough and two train loads of them rolled into Oakland last night. They will remain here until Tuesday night and then go back to the rest of the boys off for a New Year holiday.

The boys of the 1344 Field Artillery are from the 1344 Field Artillery, Battery B sent 20 men and Battery C sent 20 men to the city.

Walter McKie, Irving Crockett and Charles R. Fawcett, recently conscripted second lieutenants of artillery, are among the soldiers.

# WILHELM THREATENS MAILED FIST

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helping General Kaledines, leader of the Don Cossacks.

"Last night," said Trotsky, "we found that American agents in Russia were working in the Kaledines movement. We arrested Colonel Koldashnikov, attached to the American mission to Rumania, who was trying to get a trainload of automobiles, clothing and supplies to Petrograd."

A letter from David R. Francis, American Ambassador in Russia, requesting that the train be given free passage, as it was bound for Jassy.

"One letter from Colonel Anderson, head of the American Red Cross mission to Rumania, to Koldashnikov, said that if money was needed Ambassador Francis was ready to advance 100,000 rubles on the account of the Red Cross. We think that the American ambassador must break his silence now."

"Since the revolution he has been the most silent diplomat in Petrograd. I don't believe he belongs to the Bismarck school. In which it was taught that silence is golden. He must explain his connection with this conspiracy."

"We will tell all the ambassadors if you think you can with the help of American money, under the guise of the holy mission of the Red Cross, support and bribe Kaledines, you are mistaken. If you think that you are no longer the representative of America, but private interests, and the heavy hand of the revolution will reach out after you."

"I desire to tell the representatives of all the foreign powers know that we are not so blind as to allow our feet to be trampled on. In the affair of Tschitcher and Petrov we have already had occasion to tell the British ambassador that the revolutionary government is not lacking in dignity and pride and that we are not acting under the influence of the Anglo-American bourgeoisie, but have a pure principle for which we will conquer or perish."

# TO LIGHT TORCH FOR WORLD REVOLUTION

The audience cheered these utterances wildly. Mme. Alexandre Kollantay, Bolshevik minister of public welfare, moved then that the meeting send delegates to France and England to light the torch of a world revolution.

Raymond Robins, head of the permanent American Red Cross mission to Russia, on learning of the arrest of Koldashnikov prior to Trotsky's speech, ordered to the speaker to tell the Bolshevik minister of public welfare, moved then that the meeting send delegates to France and England to light the torch of a world revolution.

The speaker then declared that the Bolsheviks were not lacking in dignity and pride and that we are not acting under the influence of the Anglo-American bourgeoisie, but have a pure principle for which we will conquer or perish.

# AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—The Russian terms offered at Brest-Litovsk include:

First.—No compulsory annexation of territory under any circumstances.

Second.—That political independence shall be restored to all nations deprived of independence by the fortunes of war.

Third.—That national groups not independent before the war shall decide by a referendum whether they shall become independent or give their allegiance to some power.

Fourth.—The mixed nationalities occupying any territory the rights of the minority shall be guaranteed by a separate law assuring educational freedom and administrative autonomy, if possible.

Fifth.—No belligerent country shall be required to pay contributions, and private persons shall be exempted from losses incurred through the war from a special fund contributed by all the belligerents on a proportional basis. The same principles shall be applicable to colonies as to the parent countries.

The final condition of the peace is the ending of one country by another and provides for separate customs agreements and for naval blockades not pursuing direct military objects.

# WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—American officials bitterly resented today the charge made by Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik minister for foreign affairs of the present Russian government, that the United States was seeking to overthrow the Bolsheviks.

Secretary of State Lansing made it very plain that there was no truth in the charges. He intimated that they were made as a result of ignorance on the part of Trotsky of the Red Cross work.

# NO WORD RECEIVED OF NEW PEACE OFFER

BY INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE LEASED WIRE TO TRIBUNE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—No direct official or unofficial word that a new peace offer will be made tonight, possibly by Emperor William of Germany, has reached the State Department. This was made very plain by Secretary Lansing's statement in the absence of any such word the secretary maintained his position of declining to discuss rumors based on press despatches from neutral countries or vague statements emanating from certain locations in this city.

The declaration contained in the Berliner Zeitung that the Kaiser was to go to Brest-Litovsk, where, if the Russian negotiations seemed to appeal to success, he would be invited to appeal to the sovereigns and regents of Europe to assemble in a peace conference, as was done after the Napoleonic war, aroused very little interest here today. Such an offer may be made, officials said, but it is impossible to say what its reception would be by those rulers.

So far as the United States is concerned, its official position remains unchanged. Its responsible officials, President Wilson and his cabinet, are working overtime on war preparations, and are not discussing anything else.

Should a beneficial offer be tendered by Emperor William, and the offer be accepted, it would be a general belief in both official and diplomatic quarters that one will be—it will depend entirely on its form and suggestions what reception it will receive.

# IS FOOD SOURCE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—A Vienna despatch to the Berlin "Lokal Anzeiger" says that Field Marshal von Hofer, the Austrian minister of public substance, has announced that the Austrian food supply would shortly be improved by the arrival of supplies from Russia. According to von Hofer, the governments of Berlin, Vienna and Budapest are already rushing transport facilities.

The Tribune will soon be frozen over, but winter supplies from this source may be expected by March.

# WILL CALL BOARD TO END STRIKE

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# RECENTLY GRANTED AN INCREASE OF TEN PERCENT

The government recently granted to employees in the shipbuilding plants an increase approximating 10 per cent. It was stated that this was given both on account of the increased cost of living and also to stimulate work in the shipbuilding program of the government.

Unions affiliated with the Iron Trades Council then demanded the same rate of pay for the employees of the Iron Trades Council, who are engaged in building government ships, and on Wednesday morning, according to President R. W. Burton of the Iron Trades Council, every plant will be closed.

The strike involves every plant in the bay region, including those engaged in building government ships, and on Wednesday morning, according to President R. W. Burton of the Iron Trades Council, every plant will be closed.

Officials have received telegrams from the Shipping Board, Aircraft Board and Charles Piez, vice-president and general manager of the Emergency Shipping Board, urging them not to strike. The telegrams urged the union leaders to task for taking advantage of the wage increase offered to the shipyard workers and state that such action was not contemplated at the time the agreement was signed in November.

# TEXT OF TELEGRAM GIVEN OUT BY BODY

The text of the telegram sent by Franklin Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the Navy, to the Iron Trades Council, and the Aircraft Production Board, to President Burton of the Iron Trades Council was not received until a late hour today, according to Burton, but was given out by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce on advice from the National Chamber of Commerce at Washington, as follows:

"We beg to call your attention to the fact that it was distinctly understood between union representatives and this board that the ten per cent additional war service payment should apply to military authorities and already reported received. It is estimated that an additional 100,000 went directly through the mails."

"We urge upon the paramount duty of abiding by the understanding of the Iron Trades Council, Ship Corporation Board's award and in not permitting or causing any interruption of production or defense. We believe it to be essential to the national safety that there shall be no further interruption of production under any circumstances. Stoppage of war work at this time from any motive necessary does the work of the public enemy."

The strike will include molders, machinists, steamfitters, patternmakers, painters, operators and engineers, electricians, fitters, riveters, bolters, millwrights, asbestos workers, metal polishers, sheet metal workers outside the shipyards.

**EMPLOYERS SAY STRIKE VIOLATES CLAUSE NINE**

The employers contend that the threat of the unions to call a strike is a violation of clause nine of the decision of the federal wage mediators to the effect that no strike shall be called during the life of the agreement.

It is also charged by the employers that at the time of the signing of the agreement the mediators had no inkling of the holocaust which would directly employed in shipbuilding plants within the terms of the agreement granting increased wages.

They say the wage advance resulted from a desire to provide a prompt stimulus to increase the output of ships in the yards of the Pacific coast and to encourage men who live at great distances to leave their homes and enter service in the shipyards.

President Burton, for the workers, said today:

"We wish to assist the government to the fullest extent, and while war lasts we pledge ourselves to supply all shipbuilding plants with the maximum of labor. We feel that applying the wage scale of the Emergency Fleet Shipbuilding Corporation to all shops will keep a sufficient number of mechanics on hand so that the government will not be in the production of government work."

"We are not taking advantage of war conditions, only endeavoring to obtain from employers a part of the increased cost of living they have obtained by increased prices. The employers' associations make much of the fact that they were not represented at the recent conference in Washington. A reply to that statement would be better come from the government, as that is a reflection on them, and not on us. The refusal of employers to meet the 10 per cent increase and their attempt to get government intervention together with the recent survey, seems to indicate that they are trying to get the government to pay the increase demanded by the men. We have every reason to believe them able to pay all wages demanded."

# BIG MASS MEETING

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—In celebration of the declaration in favor of establishing a Jewish homeland in Palestine, the Jews of this city held a mass meeting at Carnegie Hall last night. The building was packed long before the exercises began, and thousands of persons were clamoring for admission. Rev. Dr. Stephen S. Wise presided.

"More than all else," Dr. Wise said, "this movement has been called in order to affirm the faith of every living American Jew, not only in the certainty of the triumph of our arms, but in the righteousness of our aims. The American Jew reaffirms his faith that the Jewish people have a right to their own homeland, and that the Jewish people shall crown our arms and triumph be granted to our aims and the aims of our allies as shall bring the boon of liberation and justice and peace to all the nations of men."

# PLANNER IS HURT

As a result of an accident occurring at 9 o'clock this morning at the Standard Gas Engine Company's works in East Oakland, G. L. Seegerman, a planner, was taken to the receiving hospital, where Dr. Irwin amputated a portion of his hand which had been mangled by the machinery.

# Bolshevik Held Peace Menace Socialist Leader Sees Dangers

By JOSEPH SHAPLEN, United Press Staff Correspondent.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24.—Camillo Huysmans, the Belgian Socialist leader, then has been a prime mover in efforts to hold an international Socialist peace gathering, told the United Press today the Bolshevik peace endeavor seemed likely to postpone indefinitely all hope of a people's movement for real peace.

"I do not believe the Lenin regime in Russia is favorable to a democratic, just peace," he declared. "The Lenin regime cannot accept German proposals without a surrender—and the German government cannot accept the Leninite conceptions without revolutionizing itself."

"Prospects of a separate peace have increased ambitions of the Central powers. Teuton annexationists understand perfectly that the Lenin regime is only an internationalist machine. They know these will surely disorganize all possible Russian resistance, and then Hindenburg will be able to send not only the heaviest reinforcements to France, but easily to conquer Russia."

"Democratic elements in the Central powers feel the increase of annexationist spirit. Hungarian Socialists understood the situation when they voted against a separate peace."

"Nobody would attach the least importance to the German aggressive move not to transfer troops during the period of the armistice. Germany's best troops on the Russian front are already marching toward France."

"The Bolsheviks have not understood their inability to enforce a democratic peace or to prevent the imposition of heavy German terms. While completely disorganizing the army, they want to be masters. They have succeeded at the price of opening their frontiers."

"Their interior policy has been no better. They organized a dictatorship, not of the proletariat, but over the proletariat. Now they threaten the still greater terror of the guillotine—and this after introduction of a resolution in the Bolshevik congress at Copenhagen in 1919 against the death punishment of all enemies of the revolution."

"Russia is now under a new death regime which foreign Socialists have been invited to admire—and which they find impossible to even consider."

Huysmans is secretary of the International Socialist Bureau and one of the world leaders in liberal movements.

EVERY AMERICAN SOLDIER TO GET CHRISTMAS GIFT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Every American soldier in France is to get his Christmas turkey, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes and mince pie after all. The war department announced last night that delayed supplies for some units of the expeditionary forces had arrived safely and that every member of the nation's armed forces at home and abroad would get a complete holiday dinner.

One battleship has announced that its Christmas menu will be: Mock turtle soup, olives, roast turkey (sage dressing), giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, potatoes au gratin, celery, roast loin of beef, mixed pickles, Kolbasa, beefs, apple sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, asparagus salad, cheese and crackers, apple pie, chocolate cake, ice cream, fresh fruit, nuts and raisins, coffee, cigars.

The war and navy departments say no member of the armed forces will fail to receive a Christmas token from home, friends or from well-wishing organizations of patriotic citizens. Transports have carried to France approximately 1,455,000 pounds of Christmas gifts for the men of the expeditionary forces through special arrangements made by the government. In addition to 250,000 separate parcels handled by military authorities and already reported received, it is estimated that an additional 100,000 went directly through the mails.

# BRITISH LABOR TO DEBATE PEACE

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The most important labor meeting held in the British Isles since the beginning of the war will open at Nottingham on January 23, when the annual conference of the labor party begins. Trade union organizations in all parts of the United Kingdom will be represented, and it was stated here today that resolutions containing radical recommendations already have been drawn up for debate.

The Times, in speaking of the forthcoming conference, said:

"It will be an event of far-reaching importance, affecting not only the immediate task of prosecuting the war, but also the future balance of political parties and the government as a whole."

The matter of reorganizing the labor party, already one of the strongest in England, will be brought up and the question of peace probably will take a leading part in the debate.

Among the resolutions drawn up were the recommendation that the members of the cabinet be elected by the House of Commons in the future instead of being appointed by the premier; that the members of the labor party now holding ministerial posts withdraw and that the labor organizations in the belligerent countries should enter into peace negotiations when they finally come or else a simultaneous conference.

Three resolutions similar in contents and construction have been drawn up by the Independent Labor party, the British Socialist party and the Glasgow Trades Council asking for an early conference of labor representatives from all countries to discuss the possibility of peace.

# O'CONNOR PLEASED

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—"Tay Pay" O'Connor, committee on the address of the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago opposing the Sinn Fein move in Ireland had been given prominence in all Irish papers and had produced a profound effect on Irish opinion, expressed his pleasure at the news.

"I never had any doubt that when the Irish people realized that pro-Germanism arrayed Ireland against America, and especially against their own race in the United States, they would recoil from such a stand in horror," said O'Connor.

# BANK NEEDS FUNDS

ST. PAUL, Dec. 24.—Unless Congress extends the credit of the government to the amount of \$200,000,000 to the federal land banks, the farmers of the country face absolute need, according to a statement issued today by F. G. Quamme, president of the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul. Difficulty in disposing of bonds based on the farm mortgages has resulted in a lack of money in the banks. Mr. Quamme said, stating that \$100,000,000 is needed at once to pay approved loans and the other \$100,000,000 to provide a revolving fund to handle loans during the war.

# IS GIVEN 18 YEARS

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 24.—A sentence of eighteen years in San Quentin penitentiary was imposed here today on Judge Malcolm C. Glenn of the superior court in the case of Samuel Shea, who pleaded guilty to holding up fifteen patrons of a cafe here December 7. Shea was captured by police officers after they had exchanged several shots with him during a chase through a business section of the city and wounded him in the leg.

# NEW GERMAN LOAN

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Final figures for the seventh German war loan were 1,025,000,000 marks.

# ZEELAND BOMBED

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—Five bombs have been dropped on Goes, in Zeeland.

# ART SMITH SERVES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Art Smith has signed a contract with the Aviation Service as instructor.

# HUNDRED AIR BATTLES IN 3 DAYS FIGHT

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Intense aerial activity is reported by the war office. In the course of 100 combats in the air during the last few days the French brought down eighteen German machines.

The following is a list of the combats: "On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the Germans made two raids against our small posts near Ezeuxvaux and Chaurieres Wood. Their efforts were repulsed by our fire. The artillery hunting was rather vigorous on the left bank of the river, in the sector of Bethincourt. On the remainder of the front the night was calm."

"On December 21, 22 and 23 our pursuit aviators were very active. Our pilots engaged in 100 combats, most of them over the German lines. Eighteen German machines were brought down. Of these, seventeen fell in flames or crashed to the ground and were destroyed. During this period our bombardment squadrons dropped 18,000 kilograms (nearly twenty tons) of projectiles on railway stations, factories, encampments and other objectives behind the enemy's lines."

# U-BOATS SINK FEWER VESSELS, BERLIN ADMITS

LONDON, Dec. 24.—An official statement has been issued in Berlin according to a Reuters despatch from Amsterdam, regarding references by Premier Lloyd George on December 20 to the submarine warfare. It says his assertion that British merchant ships have declined undeniably is correct, but that it is due to the extraordinary decrease in world shipping in consequence of the barred zone warfare and that the British merchant space available for British traffic, as a result of which sinkings by our U-boats must necessarily gradually decline.

# TEST OIL PUMPS

Short measure received by automobile users at many of the test stations during the early morning hours has caused complaints to be made to the department of weights and measures and Sealer E. K. Strobridge has prepared a letter to the dealers in gasoline cautioning them to test the pumps before beginning service in the morning.

Strobridge says the difficulty is occasioned by the valves in the pumps leaking over night, allowing a quantity of the fluid to seep back into the tank with the result that the early bird, instead of getting the full warm, as in the adage, gets a short gallon.

The letter orders dealers to get ten-gallon measures and test them during the early morning hours before beginning the day's service. Complaints have also been made to the

# WANTS TO FIGHT

HARLAN, Kan., Dec. 24.—Clara Cook, 20 years old, wants to go to war. "I think it is my duty," she declared. "I don't think it is any worse for me to go to war than for a boy that I love."

"It is ever to be a woman's duty to stay at home and suffer silently? Why not let us fight too? The girls and women are fighting in the hospitals and American girls would be glad for the chance to do as much."

# GEN. DEWIT EARLY, HE SEZ

AND EARLY TO BED, THEN EARLY TO RISE, THEN EARLY TO SHOP, HOW EXCEEDINGLY WISE.

# LOOKS LIKE A CAMOUFLAGE TO ME

Illustration of a soldier in camouflage gear.

# MERRY XMAS

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SUCCESSORS TO  
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## THAT'S WHAT WE WISH YOU ALL

We thank you for your kindness to us this year. We certainly appreciate your generous approval of our methods. Our ambition is to serve you well. Our policy is good, clean, staple merchandise cheaper than any other store in Oakland.

Watch for the great after-Christmas sales. All odd lots to be slaughtered and closed out before inventory.

Great sale of Toilet goods starts Wednesday.

# WHITTHORNE & SWAN

Washington Street at Eleventh







## BOLD HOLD-UP IN STOCKTON FRUSTRATED

STOCKTON, Dec. 24.—An attempt by a lone highwayman to rob the First National Bank here today, was foiled by a bookkeeper and collector in the place, who dropped to the floor under the counter and turned on a burglar alarm.

The alarm was not intended to force the bank to hand over its loose change. The alarm frightened the footpad, who made his escape on a bicycle before the police arrived. As he fled he grabbed a small handful of change.

Two men were making up their books after the closing hour, when the bandit entered the place by a side door and, turning a revolver into the window, ordered the two men to turn over the change box, full of gold and silver, over which they were working.

Instead of submitting, the two men dropped to the floor, under the counter and turned on the alarm-switch. The clang of the alarm bell frightened the bandit who turned and fled. He had his bicycle placed just outside the side door, and vaulting to it he rode away, turning a corner out of sight just as the police and sheriff's deputies, summoned by the alarm, entered the bank.

A guard of police has been thrown about the town, and a good description of the man is in the hands of the authorities.

## GAMES AT CAMP

PALO ALTO, Dec. 24.—Sport fans of Camp Fremont rooted for the most elaborate sports program ever staged in the state to date. Under the direction of Pete Flanagan, formerly of the Olympic Club football team and present director of athletics for the Knights of Columbus at the camp, a snappy show was staged for the benefit of the men in khaki.

The bill opened with a basketball game between teams representing Company D of the Thirtieth Infantry and Company I of the Eighth Infantry. The former team was successful in winning by a score of 23 to 25. Wrestling bouts between William Lunnah and Jim Lollitsch, and Viss and Pauls, all of the Olympic Club, furnished the next variety of entertainment. Dick Slagter boxed Douglas Brown and Edward Pratt won the same distance with Sam Eckstein. Prof. L. Williams concluded the program with an exhibition of wrestling holds and jiu jitsu methods.

## ADD TO COMFORT

BERKELEY, Dec. 24.—Appreciation of the warm garments knitted by the women of Berkeley is being shown in a letter written by Captain Alvin Powell, in charge of the university ambulance unit No. 1.

He thinks that the work that our friends in California are doing is splendid. "I am sure that the men who are getting from you have added substantially to their comfort, but I think that the influence of the work of the ambulance unit has been of inestimable value. May I suggest just one or two things as gifts? A small pillow about 12 by 18 inches covered with some soft, warm colored cloth, a polishing outfit for tan shoes, camp soap, and a small traveling mirror. I think if they cannot take some of these things to Europe with them, they can send them home again if they want when they go."

## COW IS VICTOR

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 24.—A stray moose cow of a peevish disposition has kept most of the city police department climbing fences and trees for the last two days. When the cow knocked down two women and a number of children the police were again called.

Two patrolmen were ordered to go out and round up the animal. It refused to be taken into the city. The cow was sent after bossy, with orders to get her "dead or alive"—but old moose broke through all barriers and escaped. When last seen she was galloping north by northwest with her tail set at 95 degrees.

## 4000 LEAVE CAMP

MACON, Ga., Dec. 24.—Four hundred enlisted men at Camp Wheeler have overridden orders and left for home to spend Christmas without permission. Many of them have been apprehended and will be returned to camp. Nearly 200 were absent from the 122nd Infantry. Being absent without permission will mean a sentence of from 30 to 90 days, depending on circumstances, court officers say.

## PIONEER IS DEAD

ALAMEDA, Dec. 24.—Mrs. L. A. Ledley, 91 years of age, died yesterday at her home, 1547 Morton street, after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Ledley was born in Lincoln, Mass., but came across the continent in 1850. She had made her home in Alameda for 42 years. Surviving Mrs. Ledley are three children, Mrs. E. L. Treasler, Fred L. Ledley and Abner Ledley. The funeral will be held from this city on Wednesday, December 26.

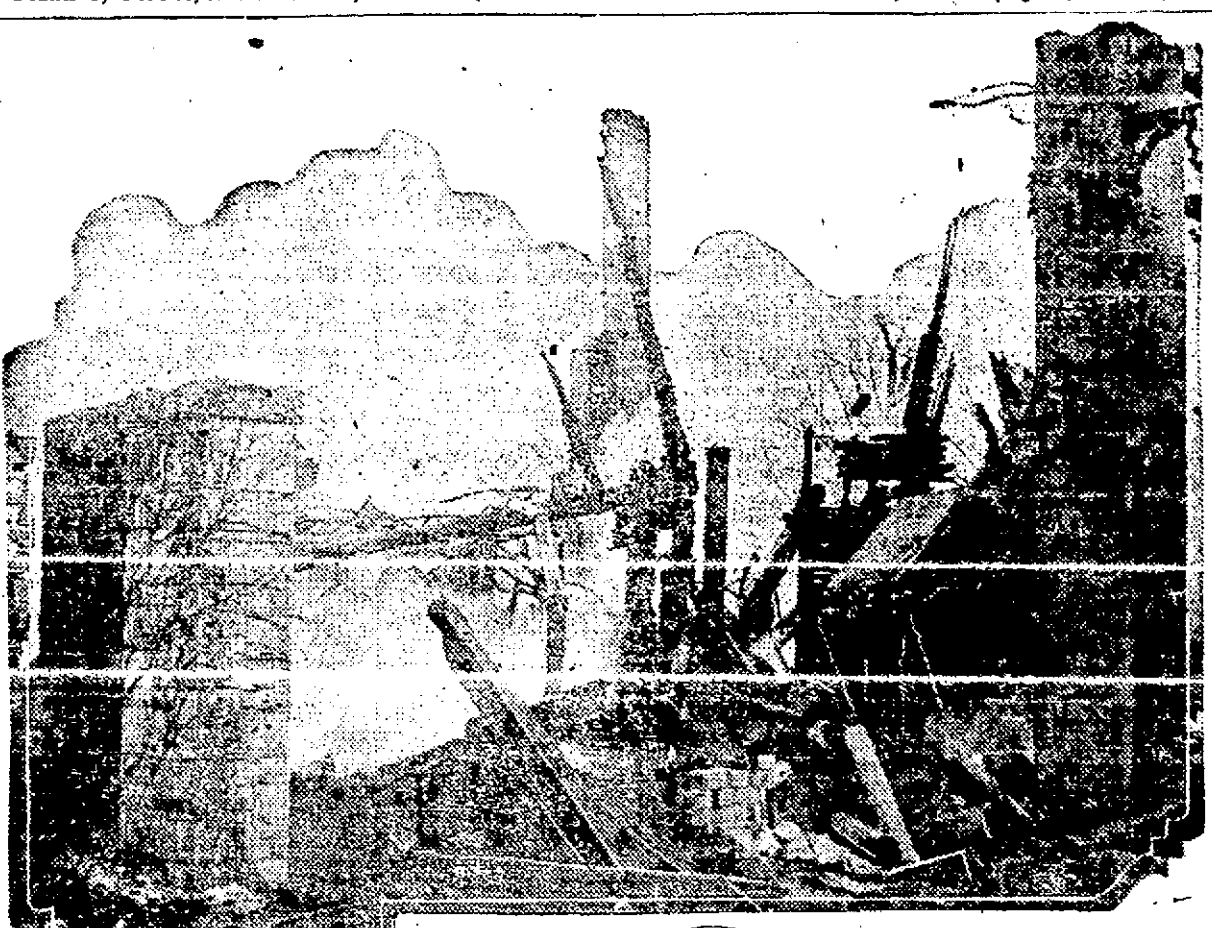
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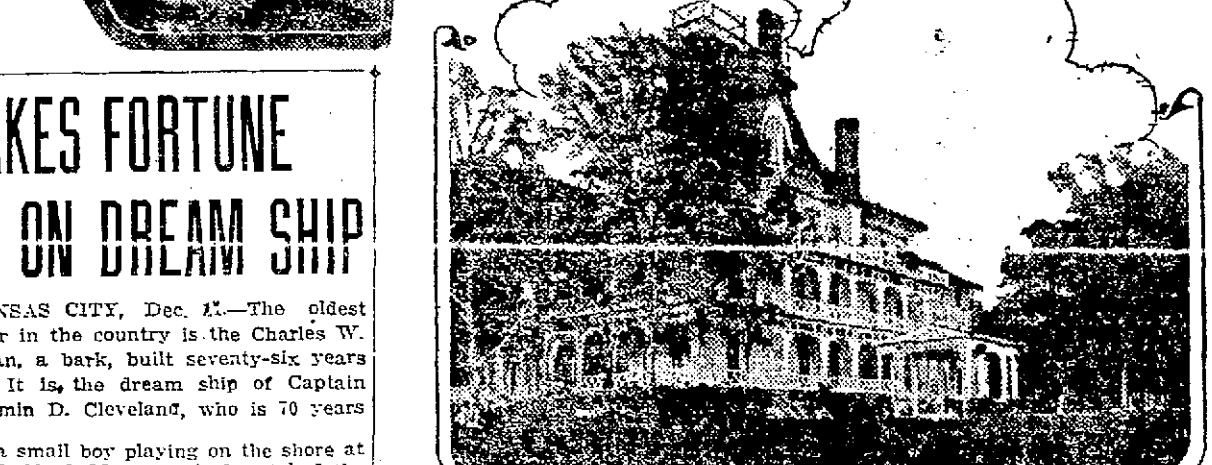
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They're looking for vacancies now. Are you advertising? Two lines, seven days, \$1.00.

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## Blue Bird Bureau

All is in readiness for the finest Good Fellow Christmas that ever dawned in Oakland. It will be a day to rejoice the heart of Santa Claus and of all those who hope and work for the happiness of children.

Christmas gifts have been assured to some 750 children through the work of the Blue Bird Bureau, South Africa, in quest of sea elephants.

The Morgan headed for the Cape Verde Islands, where she made repairs and stopped a leak. Then she made direct for Desolation Island, the last of the sea elephants.

It was early in February this year when the good old ship poked her stubby nose into Table Bay and was anchored in what sea elephant hunters call "the yard" soft spot in the reef where the elephants disport themselves on the shelving beaches of that dreary spot of land in the South Indian Ocean.

The sea elephants, which are a species of seal, are killed by either spearing or clubbing. The smaller ones are clubbed to death.

Captain Cleveland says that the elephant is a harmless animal, but when attacked the bull will fight ferociously, and the hunters have to use caution in killing them.

The elephants are absent from the island about three months of the year, when they go on their feeding expeditions. Then they return for the mating season, and the females and don't quit until the opposite is killed. The bull has two huge, ugly looking tusks. Hundreds of them come ashore at a time and lie about the beach, ready for the slaughter.

The only living animals on the barren island are rabbits, brought from Cape Town many years ago by whalers. The only vegetable life is a species of cabbage, which grows about the size of a large apple, and tastes something like the American.

Shipper Cleveland took a secret route returning to escape the German raiders, but when making for the West Indies the Morgan barely missed a mine. Last April the bark encountered a severe storm, when two whale boats, captained and four of the crew were lost.

Captain Cleveland first explored Desolation Island years ago in the interest of scientific research.

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## FOUR SOLDIERS DIE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Deaths of four privates of the American expeditionary forces, were reported to the war department this afternoon by General Pershing.

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JAMES R. PEIRY, engineers, December 20, measles and broncho-pneumonia; Mrs. S. R. Shepard, sister, Montclair, N. J., December 20, measles and broncho-pneumonia; A. R. L. Brooks, uncle, Abbeville, S. C., December 20, measles and broncho-pneumonia; Andrew S. Siders, brother, Abbeville, S. C., December 20, measles and broncho-pneumonia.

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## BERKELEY TREE CAPT. PENFIELD

PLEASES KIDDIES DIES IN ALAMEDA

ALAMEDA, Dec. 24.—Captain William H. Penfield, veteran United States army officer, who was called into active service from retirement at the outbreak of war, died at his home, 1516 Euclid avenue, this city, Saturday night.

He was 82 years of age, but was working as his military labor in the quarter master's department with his final illness drove him to his death.

Captain Penfield was a Civil War veteran and a member of George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Fannie W. Penfield, and six adult children. The children are: M. Clinton, Allen J. Grace W. and Benjamin Penfield, Mrs. Lila P. Elster and Mrs. Elizabeth Lennox. He was a native of Connecticut.

The funeral service will be held in San Francisco, Wednesday, and will be under the auspices of George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R., from Red Men's hall on Golden Gate avenue. The interment will be in the national cemetery at the Presidio.

## READY FOR 'NICK'

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 24.—With the 45-foot Christmas tree, covered with thousands of electric lights set in the Plaza, the stage is set for the monster Christmas celebration which the citizens of San Diego will give Uncle Sam's service men tonight. In order that the thousands of soldiers and sailors may hear and see what is going on, the block surrounding the big tree is to be roped off and only men in uniform permitted inside the ropes.

## TONY RELEASED

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Fred Toney, star pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds, is out of \$2000 bond today after his arrest on a warrant charging conspiracy to violate the selective draft law. He pleaded not guilty when arrested, waived examination and was bound over to the March session of the Federal court.

Toney, it is charged, falsely swore when registering under the draft act that his wife, child, mother, stepfather and sister were wholly dependent upon him.

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## THE ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

While there is no doubt about the fact that the Lewis machine gun has been adopted with unqualified success, by the allied forces in Europe, it is unsafe to form a conclusion as to the merit of the action of the ordnance department of the United States army, in rejecting the Lewis gun and adopting another type that had not been subjected to field tests, until all the controversial testimony being offered before the congressional investigating committees is in.

Rejection of the Lewis machine gun is not the only matter which has served to keep the chief of ordnance before the public eye, although that is generally recognized as an error born in personal animosities. Worse than that is the admitted failure of the ordnance chief to provide artillery, light and heavy, and ammunition in accordance with the needs of the government.

Had another type of machine gun been adopted and supplied in adequate number cause for complaint would be lacking. But, due to General Crozier, this was not done.

Only a few months ago, a Congressional investigation disclosed that General Crozier refused to act on the recommendation of the commandant of Frankford arsenal for a change of formula for making fuses for small arm ammunition. As a result defective ammunition was sent to Pershing's expeditionary force in France.

We should withhold final judgment until the very timely investigation into the lack of efficiency in the ordnance department is concluded, but with the hope that the investigators will ascertain whether there is such a handicap to results as "Crozierism," as charged by Colonel Lewis, and whether it is desirable to extirpate it.

## HAPSBURG SHOULD GO.

President Wilson's declaration that in prosecuting the war against Austria-Hungary the United States did not desire to see altered the government and the internal affairs of the Austro-Hungarian empire is commendable statesmanship. The policy adopted toward the subjects of Austria-Hungary in this country—of crediting them with an honest intention to be loyal to the country of their adoption—is generous and liberal. The Tribune believes that it will meet only with a few isolated disappointments and will on the whole prove beneficial.

But no manner of clear political thinking in international affairs can contemplate with equanimity the continuance of the Hapsburg hierarchy as a ruling dynasty. It is only a decadent medievalism, without a ruling idea but retaining the power to rule after its fashion. It is the worst thing in the way of government in Europe and has no legitimate place in modern life.

Being a tool of Germany, it is unworthy the name of national government. It is the instrument by which the German and Magyar domination over the other peoples of the Austro-Hungarian empire is maintained—the vassal form of power by which Germany controls the destiny of 30,000,000 peoples who in language, character and political aspirations are bitterly opposed to those of the German state.

If the condition that the German people renounce and separate themselves from their Prussian and military masters is enforced, kind words and good intentions will not suffice to save the Hapsburgs. The sole remaining prop to that governmental anachronism will have been removed. It would be best so, for the artificial existence of that autocracy is a denial of the principles for which America is fighting.

## WHY THE DYNAMITE?

Arrest of thirty alleged members of the I. W. W. at Sacramento may or may not bring any nearer justice the persons who were responsible for the attempt to dynamite the home of Governor Stephens. But the episode produced an important bit of evidence as to another matter.

With the arrested I. W. W. was taken a box of dynamite. This directs once more the attention of the public and the officials of the federal and state governments to the fact that there is present in the United States an organization of persons who make dynamite one of their ordinary possessions.

Destructive, murderous explosives cannot by any stretch of leniency properly be included in the movable wardrobe of itinerant agitators. The crimes which have been identified with the I. W. W.

since America entered into a state of war make it clearly in the interest of public safety to deprive the organization of the possession of explosives or the power to use them.

## WIRELESS AND ENEMY AGENTS.

Extracts from the diary of Captain Karl Grasshof, on a German interned warship at Honolulu, which were read into the record of trial of the persons implicated in the Hindu conspiracy, showed with what astonishing ease government wireless messages were tapped by German agents. Although it is not now known to what extent the government codes its wireless messages, this feature of the conspiracy trials in San Francisco reopens a matter that was characterized by much criticism until a few months ago.

This was the failure of the United States government to code messages to and from vessels, between naval stations and official business communications with Washington. Any wireless operator, whether American or German, with a tin roof on his house, a telephone or electric lighting wire leading in, or a clothesline in his back yard, could tap this official business. There is the example of a few years ago when the message from the commander of the Pacific fleet to the Secretary of the Navy announcing that the skeleton fighting masts were a failure and shook the warships to pieces in heavy weather became public before the head of the navy department read it.

It was a matter of pride among 30,000 boy operators learning the amateur wireless game, prior to the war, that they could show great stacks of official government messages marked "important" and "rush" which dealt with exclusive government information. The movements of both Pacific and Atlantic fleets, reports of accidents at sea, cargo shipments of colliers, and all such matters were flashed to and fro, open to any foreign agent who had a \$6 receiving set of radio instruments and could read the Continental wire telegraphy.

The importance of strict and thorough control over all wireless apparatus is apparent. Private possession of a wireless receiving apparatus brings up the question of government safety and Captain Grasshof's diary shows that "sealing" an instrument is not always effective.

## CASE COMPLETED.

Publication of fifty-seven notes exchanged between the Berlin government and the German minister at Buenos Aires are important merely in that they reveal in a more extended form the criminal disposition of the rulers of Germany. They are indisputable evidence, given by the defendant at the bar, of the unworthiness of the German government of the confidence of and association with the family of civilized nations.

Since Count Von Luxburg's "spurious versenkt" notes were made public, reports have come from Argentina that the German "diplomat" was ill of nervous disorder and there was a generous disposition in some quarters to suspend judgment until it was known whether his mind was deranged.

But the official correspondence which the Swedish foreign office helped him to conduct with the German capital shatters all benevolent illusions. He was the authentic representative of Prussian methods—sign of the lack of soul, honor and conscience.

If Argentina goes to war with Germany, which is probable, it will not be because new insults have been delivered. It will be due to the fact that the *casus belli* created by the acts of Count Luxburg and his government of four months ago can no longer be ignored. The exposure has been so complete and cruel that Argentina's self-respect and honor are at stake.

## FINANCING OWNERSHIP.

Proposal that the government take over the operation of the railroads of the country, through ownership, has brought forth discussion of many features of such a procedure and it is a characteristic fact that nearly all the conclusions may be divided into two classes. They either are to the effect that the transfer would be affected with astonishing ease and simplicity or that government ownership and operation is impossible of contemplation.

The financial phase of the project has inspired several volumes of opinions and explanations, but to Mr. Samuel O. Dunn, editor of the Railway Age Gazette, we are indebted for the briefest statement of the main points of both sides of the argument. Writing in the Yale Review for January, he says:

"The government of the United States has the best credit in the world, but the purchase of the railroads would be an enormous transaction. The investment in their road and equipment is \$18,000,000,000. A valuation of them would hardly be less. It was contended before the United States entered the war that it could raise enough capital to acquire the railroads by the issuance of 3 per cent bonds at par; and as the return, in interest and dividends, paid by the railway companies on their outstanding bonds and stocks during the last five years for which we have complete statistics averaged 4.4 per cent, it was estimated that under government ownership a large part of the return paid on capital could be saved. Recent experience has demonstrated the fallaciousness of some of these estimates. The fact is that the amount of capital in the United States seeking investment even on the very best security at low rates of interest is relatively small, and it is probable that, tax and other conditions being equal, there is not a difference of more than one-half of one per cent between the return which the investing public will accept on a government bond, and on a 'gilt-edge' security of a large railway company. Therefore, while under government ownership it would not be necessary to pay so high a rate of return as must be paid to raise capital for railway companies, it is easy to exaggerate the saving which would be effected by submitting the credit of the government for that of private companies."

George McCain, former pastor of Moore, Sawday & McCain, lessees of the Warner ranch, has just bought the Casey ranch, below Buckman Springs. Also he has just imported 1000 head of Texas ewes. And he is in the sheep business with the 1000 ewes, a lot of capital and both feet. That is some jump for an old cowman. Why, twenty years ago George would have "shot a sheepman on sight."—San Diego Union.

## NOTES AND COMMENT

Madame Schumann-Heink is reported to be in favor of "putting our feet on the necks of people who object to smoking tobacco for the soldiers and sailors." That would be rather severe, but it is admitted that this is not the psychological time to agitate for those sumptuary reforms that some people seem to think are the chief thing in life.

Quebec's disaffection and effort to secede from the Canadian confederation is a queer outcome, seeing that its inhabitants are so largely of French descent, and that France is such a valiant member of the allied forces and needs the assistance of the civilized world in the desperate set-to with the Hun.

The Redding Searchlight man promises reform, though vaguely. "Some day, some time (but, oh, not yet), we're going to stop writing these 'stupid' and become serious like the Courier-Free Press."

The Hanford Sentinel notes the slump in the south: "There's a birth every hour in Los Angeles, according to statistics. Los Angeles must be going back. Years ago we heard there was a sucker born every minute in the southern metropolis."

The Santa Ana Blade is not at all ambiguous: "We shall never feel quite satisfied with the United States until La Follette is kicked out of the Senate. His name in French signifies folly and he is all of that."

The Chico Enterprise tells how to guard against pomatosis: "When in doubt about canned food the only safe course is to pronounce the word 'botulism' three times and then fling can and contents into the garbage receptacle."

"Elizabeth Misses Her Husband in France" seems a tame title for Elmer Glyn. However, it remains to be seen just how diligently the heroine hunted him.

Highbrow ad. from the Ottumwa, Iowa, Courier: "Wanted—One, two, three or four completely furnished rooms, for light housekeeping, by refined young married couple (man college and university graduate). Give complete information concerning rooms, location, floor size, size of family, private or not, price, etc. or answer not considered."

## SPIRIT OF THE STATE PRESS

A report was circulated that Representative Charles Curry of this district would not run again for Congress. In a letter to the editor of the Byron Times Curry says there is no truth in the report. He has given the Third District good service and it is a question whether there is another man in the district strong enough to beat him at the polls in 1918.—Benicia Herald.

It was difficult at this distance to understand the real issue in the Fickert recall election in San Francisco. Each side claimed that the other was led and backed by law-breaking and defying elements. There is no doubt, however, but what the public generally views Fickert's triumph as a vindication of representatives of justice against forces of disorder and anarchy.—Visalia Times.

I. L. Borden has purchased the Veale ranch of 1600 acres. The purchase price is reported to have been \$124,000, one-half being paid in cash upon signing the deeds. The property lies east and north of Brentwood, is wholly reclaimed and practically all under cultivation, and includes some of the finest land in the delta, much of which of late years has been devoted to beans.—Richmond Terminal.

A meteor was seen at Santa Rosa on Friday afternoon. The voracious correspondent saw a long arch-like light in a southeasterly direction. At about the same time the meteor was seen by Oaklanders, and at that point it was sailing in a northeasterly direction towards the Berkeley hills. At Marysville business stopped so everybody could look at the meteor.

"I was traveling from north to south," and "it seemed to drop south of the city." At Marysville the meteor was "traveling north and possibly fell in the mountains of Lake county." We don't like to accuse anybody of ineptitude, but there was patently something the matter with that meteor when it zig-zagged around like that.—Bakersfield Californian.

San Francisco's district attorney, Fickert, beat his recall nearly two to one at the election Tuesday. It is conceded that Fickert is not an ideal district attorney, but had his recall went out, the world would have at once placed San Francisco and this State in the column of cities and States where anarchy runs riot and unabashed and unrestrained.—Solano Republican.

George McCain, former pastor of Moore, Sawday & McCain, lessees of the Warner ranch, has just bought the Casey ranch, below Buckman Springs. Also he has just imported 1000 head of Texas ewes. And he is in the sheep business with the 1000 ewes, a lot of capital and both feet. That is some jump for an old cowman. Why, twenty years ago George would have "shot a sheepman on sight."—San Diego Union.

## THE SUNSET'S PROMISE

A splash of gold against the sky. As if The Liner of them all Had dropped his brush and let it lie—To rest until the evening's fall. Light green, and scarlet in high notes. That all too fleetly die away—A passing wild bird's roundelay. That on the pulsing air still floats.

The sombre brows: black frowns the hill Between me and the falling sun. Yet of its gold I've had my fill And lacy threads have joyous spun. But still, above the long coast-line The fleecy red in ribbons lies And comes and goes . . . To me a sign That There—Fey—and—the Light—immortal never dies. CLAUDIUS THAYER.

## "WE'RE BEHIND YOU MY BOY, TO THE ABSOLUTE LIMIT"



## THE FORUM

The Editor of The Tribune disclaims responsibility for opinions and statements expressed in this column. Brief contributions on current topics of general interest are welcome. They will not be printed unless accompanied by the name of the writer, which, if desired, will be withheld from publication.

## "TRES CIUDADES."

To the Editor of The Tribune:

On the eastern side of the San Francisco bay there are three cities, geographically one, but at the same time three separate and distinct political units. These cities, if they should prove amenable to consolidation, would be the metropolis of the coast, receiving all the favors and recognition that go to a city holding that enviable position.

Realizing this, many citizens have repeatedly broached the subject of annexation. Their efforts, however, were without avail, as it was always suggested that two of the cities should sacrifice their identity in favor of the remaining one. This, of course, the two cities which were not to be given the privilege of having their name represent the three would not favor.

The citizens of these cities, however, would favor consolidation if some means of avoiding this stumbling block were provided. The writer believes that if these communities were willing to relinquish their claims to identity and would adopt an entirely new name for the united cities, say "Tres Ciudades," his dream of a metropolis on the eastern shore of the bay would be realized. The words, representing the name of the future consolidated cities, is Spanish and means "three cities." This name should prove popular, as it is in harmony with the names of the cities in the vicinity and because any advertising or recognition accorded this future city could not be confused with any other city, this being the only "Tres Ciudades" in the entire world.

Hoping that the people of these political bodies may be able to find some means of making this dream a reality and wishing the future "Tres Ciudades" the very best that posterity may be able to give, remain, RAYMOND W. RING.

Oakland, December 21.

## HOOVERIZING IN THE OFFICE.

To the Editor of The Tribune:

The demands on the office of the retailer are increasing rapidly with the scarcity of help the problem of today.

How can we reduce the office work? What can we cut out without detriment to our customers and ourselves?

Probably the greatest waste of time in the office is that which is spent in preparing a monthly itemized bill by department stores, butchers and grocers when sales tags have been delivered with the purchases.

This is work that the wholesaler will not do for the retailer. Further,

## Pantages

A MONSTER HOLIDAY BILL!

An Act you are sure to like—WINIFRED GILRAINE and Six Beautiful Dancing Sylphs. HARRY JOHNSON, Funniest Man in Vaudeville. THE FOUR CASTERS, World's Greatest Caring Comedy; PAUL PEDRINI and HIS NOISE, A Man and an Improbable Monkey; MORIS LESTER TRIO, Smart Comedy Act; THE STRAND TRIO, Snappy Singers and Comedians. "THE FIGHTING TRAIL," Greatest Picture Ever Filmed. Prices, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c seats. We pay 11c war tax.

## New Year's Eve AT Canyon Inn

There's no better place. Breakfast also served New Year's Morning.

It is useless work in the office of the retailer and absolutely uncalled for.

The intelligent, thrifty housekeeper does not require the monthly bill. She has checked the goods on the tag at the time of delivery and knows what she has received and the amount of this bill. Therefore, she is satisfied with a statement showing the date and the amount.

Further, she can check it quicker than the itemized account. As to those who do not check the purchases the rendering of this itemized monthly bill to them is a joke, for it is only guesswork on their part when attempting to check at the expiration of a month all of the purchases of the preceding thirty days.

This class of customers must be educated to retain their sales tags, and by so doing they will be better satisfied and the work of the storekeeper materially reduced.

Throughout the United States economic in business and office methods are being carried out.

The intelligent housekeeper consistently cooperates; the other must be directed to lend their help in the HOOVERIZING IN THE OFFICE.

W. W. COOLEY.

Oakland, December 22.

## ARE YOU A "HOOVER"?

The Honolulu call it "Hoovering," which not only suggests curtailment in food, but in speech as well. The next we hear, someone will refer to the people of the United States as "Hoovers."—Seattle Post-Intelligencer

There was a young fellow named Helzer Who shouted, "Hurrah for the Kaiser!" But when he awoke His face was all broke And now he's more cautious—and wiser!—Farm Life.

## OAKLAND Opheum

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HARRIET REMPEL

WILLIE WESTON

WILLIAMS & WOLFUS

RAIP DUNBAR'S TENNESSEE TEN; MISS

ROBBIE GORDON'S Character Studies and

Fosses; RAYMOND WILBERT, "Go the Goat

Licks"; PATHE WEEKLY; CHRISTIE COMEDY; CLAUDE AND PAXY CRUIER.

MAITRES EVERY DAY

50c reserved balconies, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, Entire Balcony, 10c. 10th Oakland 711 and reserve the seats you like the best.

## BISHOP PLAY HOUSE

TONIGHT—POP MONDAY

All Seats 25c and 50c

## CRANE WILBUR

Himself, in the Mystery Romance,

"THE SCRAP OF PAPER"

From the Famous Saturday Evening Post Stories

Special Xmas Day Matinee Tomorrow

## TONIGHT

TREMENDOUS CHRISTMAS

## Country Store

with JIM POST

Big Holiday Show

## Columbia Theater

HIPPODROME

Oakland 910

"REBECCA OF SUNNY BROOK FARM"

With VULVA STECK

## KINEMA

TODAY and All Week

Reel Reel's "THE AUCTION BLOCK"

## THE JESTER

A Sweet Jest, My Lord. The restaurants are handing out sugar in little envelopes similar to our pay envelopes, which also contain "sugar." One could almost whistle a wheeze out of that.—Boston Transcript.

Likely! Clerk (in poor relief office, to ragged and starved-looking applicant)—Well, we will inquire into your case and the result will be made known to you as soon as possible. By the way, have you a telephone?—Exchange.

Mystery Solved. Staylate—I see a French physician says that yawning is good for the health. The Girl—Indeed, I've wondered a number of times why I've been so unusually well since you began coming here.—Boston Transcript.

In Fairyland. "I think that little Ethiopian sprite is afraid of the dark." "Sure he is; if he went out he might lose his identity."—Cartoons Magazine.

"Reprisals! What's these 'ere reprisals they're agoin' ter use agin the 'Uns?" "Well, I don't rightly know; but yer can take it from me, they're 'eaps worse nor bombs."—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

## Macdonough

PHONE LAKESIDE 64

CHAS. DAVID, MGR.

This Week, Com. Tuesday

Mat. Xmas Day and Saturday.

## THE FLAME

Prices: Nights, 25c to \$1.50. All Mats. 25c to \$1

SEATS NOW ON SALE

## BROADWAY

LAST DAY

## Double Bill

The Season's Most Intense and Sensational

Offering

## "ON TRIAL"

WITH AN ALL-STAR CAST

Cohn & Harris pronounced it their Greatest

Stage Hit in Years

WM. S. HART

in "WHY LAST CARD"

10c ALL SEATS 10c

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## NEW I & D THEATRE

ELEVENTH ST. AT BROADWAY.

FIRST TIME SHOWN

"THE JUDGMENT HOUSE"

All-Star Cast—Nick Sonett Comedy

First Features of Belief Sent Halfway.

A Wealth of Features

## AMERICAN

Six Pablo, Cleo and 17th Sts

ALADDIN AND THE WONDERFUL LAMP

Animated Weekly. John Wherry Ives and

Com. Wed. WILLIAM FARNUM and W.

S. HART

## FRANKLIN

10th and 11th Sts. at Broadway

TODAY and TOMORROW

J. Barney Sherry

In "Fanatic" and Mildred Havens in

"The Courage of the Commonsense"

## KINEMA

TODAY and All Week

Reel Reel's "THE AUCTION BLOCK"



SH-H! HIST!  
CO-EDS ARE  
BURGLARS

"When the fair girl burglar starts the art of burglary and hatching amateur house-breaking plans, her capacity for jimmying a casement is said to far surpass the average man's."

Armed with skeleton keys and "jimmys," six pretty girls started out this morning to be amateur burglars—or burglarettes, if the term fits better. They spent the day entering houses, getting in with their "faked" keys and pick-locks, but they did not steal anything. It was a wholly harmless burglary-fest, for all they wanted was information.

## POLICE "ARE BLIND."

They entered every vacant house on a list furnished by the Realty Board, and noted whether the rooms were warm, the roof rainproof, if the place was clean, and a dozen and one other things about prospective homes of Oakland's industrial workers. The police did not bother them, for the State of California, the Chamber of Commerce and the Realty Board were behind them, and the injustice of the law was on their side.

They were co-eds from the social economy class of the University of California, starting Oakland's industrial housing survey, recently ordered by the State Bureau of Housing and Immigration. They have divided the city into districts and will enter every vacant house for rent at less than \$25 monthly, reporting on conditions and making a complete record of its suitability for the workers of Oakland.

This is "laboratory work" for the students of social economy at the University of California. They are doing it under the direction of Miss Caroline Schieff, deputy to George E. Bell, executive officer of the State Bureau of Immigration and Housing, the Oakland Realty Board and the Chamber of Commerce are co-operating in the work.

## ENTER VACANT HOUSES.

"We will enter every vacant house we have on our lists, compiled from the rental lists in the realty offices," declared Miss Schieff. "We will have to use the keys or climb through windows. It's hazardous work, too—once I was arrested for crawling through a window and had a awful time to explain."

The co-eds were guided on their tour of amateur and harmless burglary by A. D. Bevan, representing a local real estate firm. The class was in charge of Miss Schieff and Miss Anna Barrows, daughter of former Dean David P. Barrows of the University of California, and now a major in the United States army. The girls included the more prominent members of the senior class in social economy. They will work throughout the Christmas vacation on the Oakland housing problem.

## FOUR PASS TEST

The State Civil Service Board has just completed examinations for employment managers. Out of the hundreds of applicants throughout the State, four women from Oakland passed with high percentages. Mrs. Helen Power, present manager of the Public Employment Bureau of Oakland, is number one with 92 per cent. Miss Loyce Howland, who for the past eleven years has been manager of the Employment Department of the Remington Typewriter Company of Oakland, is number two. Mrs. Gonzales, manager of the Employment Department of the Remington Typewriter Company, and Y. W. C. A., and Mrs. Alice Hayes are the other two successful applicants from Oakland.

## ARE GIVEN GIFTS

The Shredded Wheat Company is remembering its employees this Christmas in a truly practical way. Every woman employee in the factory, whether she has been there a week or more, will receive a new \$5 gold piece as a Christmas remembrance from the company. Every male employee, no matter how long his term of service has been, will receive a new \$10 gold piece for his Christmas remembrance.

## MILWAUKEE FIRE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—Three firemen were seriously injured and thirty automobiles were burned when fire of unknown origin destroyed the Boynton Auto Livery Company establishment here early today. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

\$1.50 **Kisich's** \$1.50

**Saddle Rock Restaurant**  
418 Thirteenth St.

OUR SPECIALLY PREPARED  
**Christmas Dinner**

Celery en Branch Ripe Olives  
California Oyster Cocktail

Chicken Florentine  
or  
Consomme Colerino

Filet of Tuber, Mirabeau

Fried Belgian Hare  
Maryland Punch Cardinal

Stuffed Fresno Turkey  
Cranberry Sauce Salad Panache  
Combination of Vegetables  
Mashed Potatoes

American Cheese Toasted Crackers  
Ice Cream Fancy Cakes  
Cafe Noir

Nuts Raisins

**\$1.50 per cover**

Dancing and Entertainment  
**TONIGHT—A gay night at the**  
**Saddle Rock**  
For Reservations Call Oakland 1826.

Absence of "Tom  
and Jerry" Cause  
of Much Gloom

A pall of gloom hangs over "smiler's row," as the colony of the perpetually thirsty is designated. For old "Tom and Jerry," the world's greatest Yuletide drink, is as scarce as the Great Auk's egg in the marts and market places of the elect today.

Time was when old friends renewed acquaintance, long overlooked, on Christmas Day, at elbow-length. The linking factor was the "T. and J." a wonder-nectar, brewed from the fellowship of the season and served in every nook and cranny of the city above the savdust level. Into the great bowl, ornamented with its fancy meringue frou-frou of sparkling sugar, went the best the house could muster in seasonal cheer.

But no more. The war—the high cost of sugar—the scarcity and expense of the liquid ingredients—this has broken into the even tenor of precedent. The Tom and Jerry, with all its warming, exotic mellowness, was quietly and sorrowfully led into the financial gas chamber and asphyxiated. In its place there is an aching void which will long remain. For he it is known, a Tom and Jerry is what it is, and there is no camouflage.

SPEED ISURGED  
IN BRIDGE PLAN

In reply to the request of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, telegraphed to Washington last Thursday, that there be no delay in the plans for the new estuary bridge over the Oakland estuary, Secretary of War Newton D. Baker has referred all present phases of the matter to Colonel Heuer. The following telegram was received from him this morning:

"Referring to your telegram of the twentieth, the recommendations of the department concerning materials and transportation for construction of the new Oakland estuary bridge will depend upon the recommendations of Colonel Heuer. Suggest that you confer with him."

In pursuance of this suggestion, a telegram to Colonel Heuer was sent this morning, making the same appeal for permission to proceed at once with the preliminary work.

## NEW COMMITTEES.

Readjustment of committees by Chairman Murphy, necessitated by the resignation of former Supervisor Joseph M. Kelley and the appointment of Supervisor William J. Hamilton, were announced this morning as follows:

Auditing and finance—Mullins, Foss and Heuer.  
Franchise and license—Hamilton, Meyer and Foss.

Roads, bridges and infaunaries—Meyer, Hamilton and Mullins.

Buildings and jail—Foss, Mullins and Hamilton.

Treasurer M. J. Kelly informed the Board that \$11,356.74 of the general tax levy and \$49,831 in delinquent taxes had been received by him among the various road districts.

On the recommendation of the County Institutions Commission, Dr. Earl Lupton, the successful candidate in civil service examination for the position of X-ray operator, was regularly appointed. His salary will be \$150 for the month of December and \$125 a month thereafter until he has completed his term as intern.

## TO HANDLE RECORDS.

E. Q. Turner, L. R. Wyman and E. Martini were employed by resolution for fifteen days at \$3.50 a day to complete the arrangement of records in the office of the County Clerk, Recorder and Auditor.

December 21 has been set by County Superintendent of Schools G. W. Frick for the hearing by the board of the petition for the creation of a new school district to be known as Thousand Oaks.

The petition is signed by 54 parents and guardians of more than 100 children between the ages of 5 and 17.

ELKS WILL PLAY  
SANTA TO 1300 AT  
AUDITORIUM

The Oakland Lodge of Elks will play Santa Claus to thirteen hundred needy children Wednesday afternoon at a great Christmas party and show to be presented in the Auditorium Theater.

From the orphan asylums, from the homes of the poor, will come the boys and girls. They will come in state, riding in big, cozy automobiles furnished by members of the lodge.

And each child will carry away with him a box of goodies, candies, fruits nuts, as well as toys, which the big brothers of the Elks will supply.

Fifty men and women, Elks and their wives and sweethearts, worked all day yesterday in filling the Christmas boxes for distribution Wednesday afternoon.

Several companies of Boy Scouts and a squad of black and white moderns will be present at the show. The show will begin promptly at 2 o'clock. The management of the Orpheum and Pantheons will send their best talent to bring cheer to the kiddies. The Kinema theater has loaned the Elks the film version of "Cinderella," introducing Mary Pickford. The American Theater is contributing the orchestra under the direction of John Wherry Lewis.

## SHOTS EXCHANGED

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Several shots were exchanged early this morning between unknown persons and guards of a new quartermaster's department storehouse in the course of construction here. No one was injured. A dragnet squad of police failed to result in any arrests.

SHIP FLEET  
ONE FIFTH  
COMPLETED

The government's shipbuilding program, including the work being done locally and on the coast, on December 1 was 18.2 per cent on its way to completion, as disclosed today in an analysis of statistics supplied by the Shipping Board to the Senate commerce committee in investigating progress of the work.

The national program, calling for 5,246,305 tons of shipping, is divided as follows: Wood and composite vessels, 437, of 1,551,900 tons, 10 per cent completed; requisitioned steel ships, 431, of 3,050,008 tons, 35 per cent completed; contract steel ships, 527, of 3,638,400 tons, 4 per cent completed.

## NEW YARDS.

The percentage of completion, as given, does not take into account the construction of new shipyards, in which many of the vessels will be built, or work done toward obtaining new yards.

Of 319 wooden hulls contracted for throughout the United States, keels have been laid for 166, of which 130 were laid down in yards which did not exist when the contracts were let. The wooden hulls were ordered from seventy-three yards, of which fifty-one have been built from the ground up since the contracts were let. The percentage of completion of wooden hulls, figuring in the entire program, which included hulls of which construction has not started, is 9 per cent.

## THOSE COMPLETED.

Of fifty-eight composite ships for which contracts were let keels have been laid for twelve. These twelve on December 1 were 2 per cent completed. The contracts went to four shipyards, three of which did not exist when the contracts were made. The three yards virtually have been completed and they will begin construction of ships within a few weeks.

Eleven keels for steel ships have been laid in new yards. Contracts were let for steel ships to thirty-two yards, of which twenty are new. The percentage of completion of the steel program, 4 per cent, does not include the construction of the new yards.

Of the ships contracted for, four have been launched, two steel and two wood.

FAMED SPORTING  
MAN IS DEAD

James McCord, famous sporting man of the West, and prominent figure for years in Seattle, Reno, Arizona and lately in Oakland, passed away at the Pablos Hospital, following a paralytic stroke, yesterday. McCord was 67 years of age. McCord first became famous in Alaska during the gold rush, when he operated a gambling house, and later operated one in Seattle. In the Nevada mining districts, in the early days, he also operated gambling houses. He was famed as a "square player," in those days a curiosity in mining camps, and through his long career as a professional gambler no charge of fraud was ever directed against him.

For some years past McCord has made his home at the St. George Hotel here. At one time he was possessed of a large fortune, but lost considerable amount of it later, when gambling was outlawed. He was one of the most picturesque characters of the mining towns during the gold rushes of Nevada and Alaska.

Bert Sargent, Oakland undertaker, is seeking local relatives believed to be living near Hot Springs, Arkansas. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

PLANT WIZARD  
GIVES 'THOUGHT'  
ON CHRISTMAS

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 24.—Luther Burbank, plant wizard, today gave the following Christmas "thought" to the United Press:

"For thousands of years Christmas, even under other names, has been celebrated at this time when the days no longer shorten, but begin to lengthen into a new season, a year with promise of swelling buds, sunny days and harvest again to cheer and comfort all."

"On this Christmas our millions of strong young men are called upon in this and other far-off lands to protect the rights of all the world to live and to enjoy the fruits of peaceful, productive labor."

"Who must stay at home have a heavy responsibility also—to help with all our hearts these who are now our strong young protectors. May we prove that we fully appreciate the great, the tremendous sacrifices these sturdy young men are making for ourselves, for freedom and for humanity."

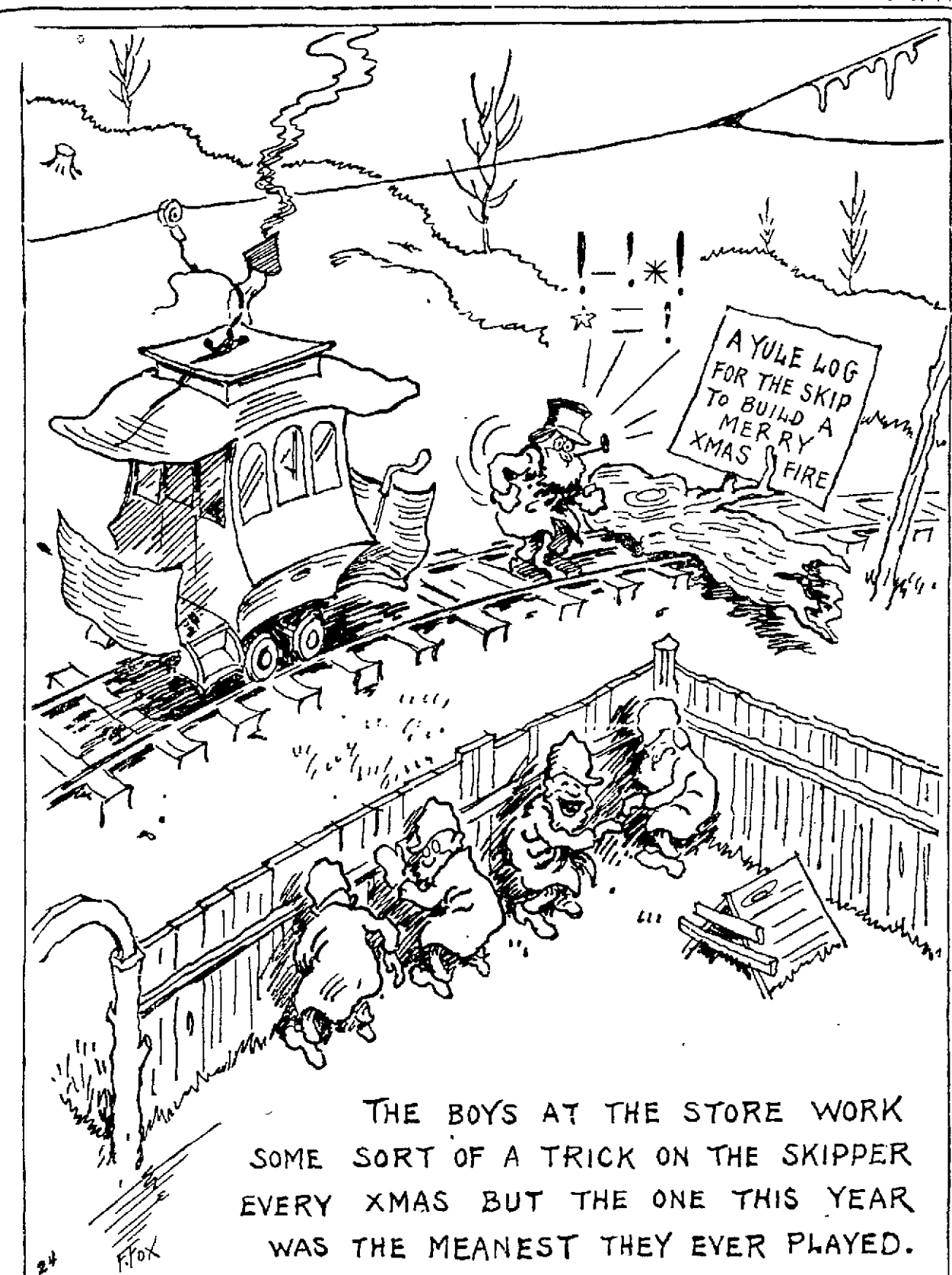
## DEFENSE IS PLEA

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 24.—Self-defense, it is believed here today, will be the plea of Edgar A. Strause, president of the State Trust & Savings Bank of Peoria, who shot and killed Berne M. Meade, the bank's cashier, after a pistol duel behind locked doors in the office of the bank. Strause is under arrest on a charge of murder.

Coroner Elliott today began an investigation of the shooting. Directors of the bank assert that no question of the bank's solvency is involved in the tragedy and prepared to open the bank today and to care for any run which might arise as a result of the shooting. Strause has resigned the presidency and E. C. Leisy, president of the Leisy Brewing Company, has been named president.

The slaying of Meade is said to have resulted from a personal quarrel between the president and the cashier over control of the bank. San Jose office of THE TRIBUNE is now located at 34 East Santa Clara avenue. Phone San Jose 4738.

## THE TOONERVILLE TROLLEY THAT MEETS ALL TRAINS



THE BOYS AT THE STORE WORK  
SOME SORT OF A TRICK ON THE SKIPPER  
EVERY XMAS BUT THE ONE THIS YEAR  
WAS THE MEANEST THEY EVER PLAYED.

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FISKE URGES AIR  
ATTACK ON HUNS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Use of airplanes in a major attack on Germany's navy, was recommended in a letter made public from Rear-Admiral Bradley A. Fiske to Allan R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America. The letter, which is not a "foolish notion of fanatics in aeronautics," but is a sound idea, based on the principles of strategy.

All Germany's naval eggs are in one basket. Her submarines, Fiske declared, "and those eggs are vitally essential to her existence as a nation. If we can smash these eggs by torpedo-planes and air bomb attacks, if we can prepare and deliver them on a scale sufficiently great."

"Whether or not the submarine has been beaten," Admiral Fiske added, "let us realize that the submarine is only one of many naval weapons, and that naval strategy recognizes the fact that so long as the enemy's fleet exists as a fighting force, so long as it remains what we call a 'fleet in being,' it constitutes a continuing menace, from which an attack of some kind may be expected at any time. For this reason, no more substantial of submarine activities should blind us to a desirability of sinking or disabling the German fleet."

"If the only way to win this war is to fight a long succession of enormous land battles, then we must fight them; but it may be advantageous to see if any alternative method less bloody, but equally decisive, can be devised."

## AVIATORS DROP

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 24.—Capt. A. Ross Harrison of the Royal Flying Corps, was killed at Everman when his machine crashed to the ground, a distance of 400 feet. Harrison, who was born in Kingston, Ont., had enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps in Canada and had come to Fort Worth two months ago to finish his training.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 24.—T. Carl Jones of Shreveport, an instructor in the aviation corps, was killed in an accident at the aviation field near Lake Charles. A brief telegram announcing the accident in which he was injured and that he was dying was received shortly after noon by his mother here, but no details of the accident were given. His body is expected to reach Shreveport tomorrow.

## GLASSES

as Christmas Gifts.

Why not an order or a supplementary pair to be exchanged over the holidays?

An extra pair of glasses is appreciated

**CHAS. H. WOOD**  
OPTOMETRIST  
CORRECTLY  
410 FOURTEENTH STREET  
THE WINKING EYE

## Clothes for the Belgians

During Christmas week a shirt is shown to each, free of charge, and given to wish to donate to the Belgians.

PHONE LAKELAND 221  
**American Dyeing  
and Cleaning Works**

SCRAP BOOKS TO  
CHEER SOLDIERS  
IN U.S. HOSPITALS

In preparation for the time when American soldiers will be in action in France the students of Mills College have initiated a national movement for the purpose of making scrap books for convalescent soldiers. Already more than thirty women's colleges of this country have signified their willingness to co-operate in the work which originated in this country in the art department at Mills College, of which Miss Marion Bonst is head. The work is to be carried on by the associated women students in each college.

The scrap books, which confirm in size and style to shipping regulations, are to be filled with jokes, cartoons, items of news, poetry, songs, original sketches, anything that will give each soldier a personal touch that every soldier may feel he has a personal message. The books, handled by each college will be distinctive of that college in coloring, seal, views, etc. When completed they will be put in the hands of the Red Cross for distribution. They are light in weight, modeled on a Japanese account book and so arranged that they may be hung on the side of a bed.

The work has been carried on in England since the beginning of the war and has proved a source of comfort and entertainment to convalescing men.

## WANT TO SETTLE

The successful prosecution of offending suit clubs and turkeys companies in the San Francisco courts has brought other concerns into the office of the sealer of weights and measures with proposals to settle accounts. The Gary Fur Specialty Company, 855 Market street, has offered to settle with their Oakland customers on the same basis as was determined upon in the case of the Western Fur Specialty Company, which last week paid 74 cents on the dollar.

The practice of these companies was to sell furs on the installment plan. When \$30 had been paid in the customer was entitled to a fur supposed to be in excess of that figure. The authorities found that the values were not genuine and instituted prosecutions.

## POLICE TAKE HAND

Mrs. Mary Denis, 138 Second street, first came to the receiving hospital for treatment for bruises inflicted by her husband, John Denis, while he was celebrating a pre-Christmas. Hardly were the doctors through with her when she came her husband, brought rather by an officer who had to hit him over the head to subdue his excess of exuberance. A moment later another policeman appeared with Alfred Forrester, who had to be clouted for interfering between the first officer and Denis. After their bruises were treated the three of them went out together, promising to be good.

## READY TO RETIRE

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 24.—In a letter to George W. P. Hunt, who was released from Arizona by a Supreme Court decision Saturday, Governor Thomas E. Campbell declared he was willing to turn over the office to Hunt at any time he should elect. He reserved the right to file petition for a rehearing within the fifteen-day limit, however.

## 2 SEAMEN LOST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Two second class seamen were lost overboard from a transport December 17, the Navy Department announced today. They were Leo D. Murphy, of Orono, Me., and George O. K. Vibah of Arlington, N. J.

NET CLOSES  
ABOUT I. W. W.  
DYNAMITERS

## BULLETIN.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 24.—A new sensation in the dynamiting of the governor's mansion here was sprung by the police at noon today when Captain of Detectives Ryan announced that the bomb used was concealed in a suitcase. Every member of the organization and every phase of its activity is being investigated.

In Sacramento Hood acknowledges that he is the local leader of the I. W. W., but he denies any knowledge of the plot to blow up the governor's mansion. The dynamite, which he was having transported from the Wells Fargo office in an express wagon when arrested, he says, was to be used in prospecting in the mountains. He declares that he was in San Francisco last Monday night when the explosion took place.

"I got out of the 'can' here last July," he said, "and served six months for stealing a lot of brass from Northern Electric cars. I left for San Francisco as soon as I got out and I did not come back here until Friday. I took a room at the St. George hotel and stayed there that night."

## NOT ON REGISTER.

The police failed to find Hood's name on the register of the St. George hotel.

Voetter, who claims to have family connections "way up in the world," admits his membership in the I. W. W., but says that he is a "working stiff." He was discharged from the navy at Emerton, Oregon, six years ago. His tattooed arms and chest give mute evidence that he has been a sailor.

"You needn't ask me about my folks," he said, "because I won't tell who they are. I have an uncle in the consular service and two of my sons married wealthy men in Fort Wayne, Ind. I've been in and out of Sacramento since 1913. I drove a tractor for Frank Gidley at Hancock until Thursday morning."

H. A. Goff of the city health department is certain that Hood and Voetter are the two men he saw running away from Capitol park on Monday night after the explosion. The police believe that the dynamite which Hood was having transported was destined to be used in blowing up the plant of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company at the mouth of the American river, three miles out of the city. An informer has told the police that Hood was boasting that the plant was to be dynamited.

Forty-two I. W. W.'s arrested by the police in the raid of the I. W. W. hall following the arrest of William Hood and G. F. Voetter, I. W. W. leaders and alleged dynamiters of the governor's mansion, will be turned over to Federal authorities. Captain of Detectives Ryan said today.

Thomas Mullin, United States deputy marshal, is in Sacramento and made arrangements with the police for taking over the band of I. W. W. now being held at the city jail.

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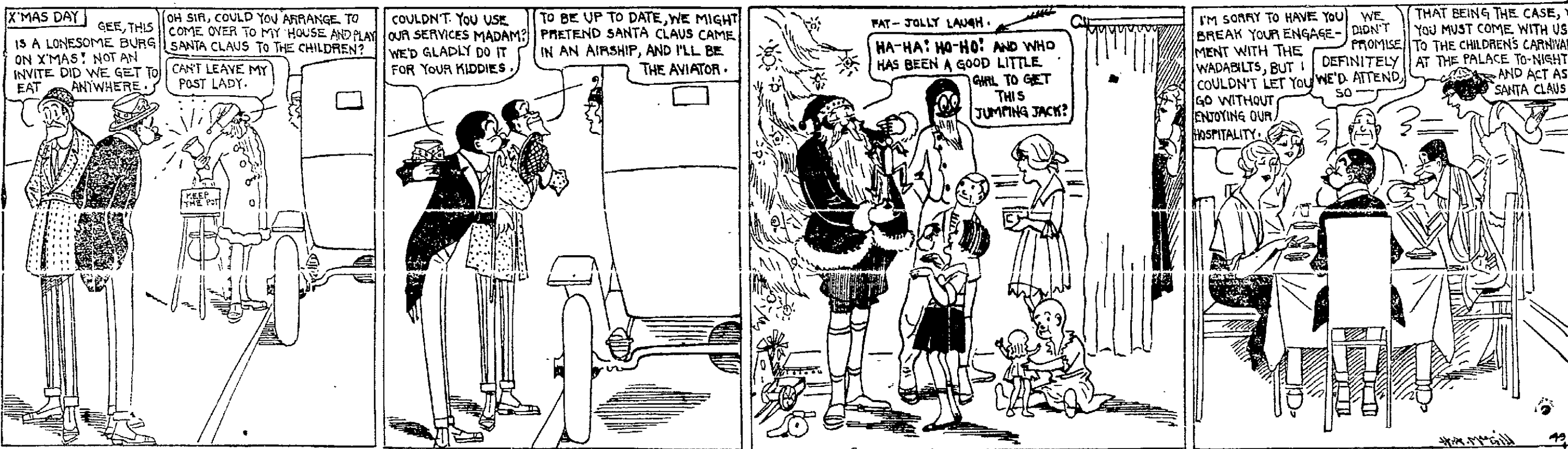


# PITTSBURG AND CROCKETT DRAW FURTHER AHEAD IN RACE

PERCY AND FERDIE---Ha-Ha! Ho-Ho! A Festive Day. Indeed, Yes!

By H. A. MacGILL

Creator of the Hall-Room Boys.



## Alameda Wins Though Beaten By Maxwells

Pop Arlett Has Bone Broken in Barring Practice and the Game Is Forfeited.

By EDDIE MURPHY.

The Maxwell Hardware team handed Fred Krumb's Alameda team a 5-to-3 beating at the Richmond ball yard yesterday afternoon, but instead of going down in the league records as a win for the Maxwell team it will go on record as being the first game to be won by Alameda in the Midwinter league.

Alameda gets the game on protest, because the Maxwell team was not represented in the field by nine men in full uniform, and one of the players was loaned to Hemmer's team by Krumb, manager of Alameda, so that a game might be played. As far as the game goes, it was a good one, considering the cold day. The understanding before the game started was that Alameda would win the game by forfeit.

Every player tried his hardest to please the small crowd which turned out. The weather kept most of the bugs at home with the holidays being so near at hand.

**POP ARLETT INJURED.**  
In batting practice, Pop Arlett was hit on the left hand by a ball which probably had a bone broken which will be found out after an examination today. To make things worse for Remmer's team, Ralph Crockett, who was on the field, after a number of players had been hit on his way to the ball games, left the game and went home. As Remmer was good natured enough to let the rest of his extra players go on a hunting trip, Crockett, formerly of St. Mary's College, was counted on the stands to play in one of the games.

**JUMP ON BABE HOLLISS.**  
In spite of the patched lineup, the Maxwells played a great game, and after being held to one hit by Babe Holliss for the first five innings, they jumped on the California. The Maxwells pounded over three runs, and then made "victory" certain by adding two more in the seventh.

Two were in the dugout when the fireworks started in the sixth. McKenzies fanned and Smale popped to Cronna at third. Then Mitchell beat out a hit to Cronna and was second on a passed ball. Free transportation to first was granted Bill Kenworthy, and Herb Remmer lined one to center for a hit that scored Mitchell and Kenworthy at third. When the throw to third from Mackie got away from Cronna, Kenworthy and Remmer were on first and second. Allen doubled to center to score Remmer, and was out trying to stretch it to a triple, because he was on Cronna.

**HOME RUN FOR CRONNA.**  
Starting the seventh, Dick Arlett doubled to center, and Ted Brando followed with another two-bagger. Cronna was the spot to score Arlett. Cronna fanned and McKenzies helped beat his own teammates by singling to center, scoring Brando.

A couple of errors in the ninth inning spoiled Arlett's chances for a shutout. After Mackie hit a home run, Cronna was safe when Childs booted his grounder and Bill Kenworthy gave Boyle a lift on base with a boot. Ross tied to Kenworthy and Pete Cronna did away with the whitewash intended for Alameda. When he hoisted one of Arlett's shirts over the right field fence for a homer, scoring the other two runners ahead of him. Mederact followed with a single and then the Richmond fans cried for Babe Holliss to put it out of the lot for a score, but the best that Babe could do was to fly to Smale in center.

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Bill Kenworthy failed to get a hit, as did Lane, but after watching a new player yesterday, there seems to be a little chance of him getting a hit. He was full of life and his two-bagger scored several chances for Alameda. Bill had nine chances at short and one of these he booted was a ball that made a hard hit for the Maxwells.

**SOCCERITES PLAY TIE.**  
In the annual international soccer game yesterday, the English and Scotch teams followed by another two-bagger. Scotland won 2 to 1, at half time, but the English boys came strong in the final half.

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Elder gets his name in print as one of the stars of the game, but getting two hits off Benson, the improver pitcher. His first hit, which was a single, helped in the scoring in the first inning, while in the fifth it was his triple that scored two runners to clinch the game.

The Merchants showed really early in the first inning. Homer was safe on Hansen's throw, Elder singled, sending Homer to third, O'Connor was retired, and Homer scored on a single by Bullock. The next scoring by the Merchants was done in the fifth, when Alameda singled and went to second on Hansen's throw. Kogler singled, sending Alameda to third, and then Elder came through with his single to score the two. This hit off Benson's just about closed the game as the Improvers tallied two in the seventh inning. Elder's error, and an error advanced on Furrier's out, and scored on a double by Hall.

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The cold day seemed to take a lot of the pep out of some of the Improvers, and the Merchants were able to run out drives which looked good for hits.

**Speed Martin and Artie Benham in A 2 to 2 Battle**  
Fans at Fruitvale park yesterday afternoon saw Speed Martin and Artie Benham battle for nine innings, with neither being retired the winner, as the game tied 2 to 2. The game was a real battle, with the score standing two all. It was not one of the league games, but was being staged as an exhibition, since the Oakland Natives are out of the league and Fruitvale had no team to play in a regular league game.

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In the first inning the Crockett team made Pitcher Murphy look a whole lot different than the pitcher he was tipped off to be, by jumping on him for three hits, which put across two runs. The second frame was one of the better ones for Prough, who retired three batters in the first inning. Prough added two more on as many hits. But that was not all. In the third inning he hit harder than ever, four hits coming for three runs.

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ALFREDA pup lost; black-tan; 8 mos. old; tan; collar with brass studs; no license tag; reward. Phone Oakland 1553.

A BELLBOY lost, delivering Christmas packages; reward. Hotel St. Mark.

ENGLISH brandie bull lost Mon. night; white spot on face; collar; reward. 1118 Kains ave., West Berkeley.

GOLD watch, watch, Waltham movement, lost on 24th and 25th between New and Broadway; liberal reward. Return 1946 Park Blvd., Merritt 4605.

GOLD bracelet, 3 opals, lost; G. M. G. to W. G. inside. Phone Merritt 2581.

KEYS lost about 10 days ago; bunch of 5 or 6; reward. Phone Piedmont 751.

LADY'S bracelet lost, engraved "To Lily from G. T. L." reward. Return George Samuels, Union Savings Bank Bldg.

LADY'S watch lost, Initials L. H. L. at 41st and San Pablo. Please Phone Piedmont 4736-W. Reward.

PACKAGE lost from auto, bet. 15th and Telegraph and 16th and Market, at 10:30 a. m., Sat., liberal reward. Phone Baiton Bldg., 170.

PURSE lost containing \$5 bill and P. E. key; reward. 1547 7th ave.; Merritt 594.

SMALL black Gladstone bag containing comb and brush, etc. lost Fri. night in Oak or Ala. Th. Oak. 1841; reward.

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A CLERICAL and sales position will be open Jan. 1 in a large local corporation; must be permanent; address in own handwriting, give all particulars, salary expected, phone. Box 9410, Tribune.

AUTO accessory salesman for retail store; state age and experience. Address Box 11857, Tribune.

ATTENTION! Boy, 10 years. 500 13th street.

BOY, 16 years of age, with wheel; steady work; good pay. Apply 807 14th st. to day between 11 and 2.

BOY, over 14, carry Chevrolet route; \$12.50 per mo. J. Makins, 1347 Market.

FIREMEN, brakemen, \$125 mo.; exper. unrec.; per. pos. r. Box 9264, Tribune.

TAILOR to make suit in exchange for identity. Box 11840, Tribune.

WANT a young man to run a machine in real estate business either half a day or all day; good chance for the right man to learn the business; work in evening; depend upon ability; attention to business and desire to get ahead; write fully, stating age, experience, residence, whether married or single, and mention wages but not exactly required. Box 11725, Tribune.

WANTED—Steam engineer who understands boiler work; apply to Fred D. Oehl, 324 Franklin st., Lakeside 464.

WANTED—An exper. bellboy. Apply manager, Key Route Inn.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

AAA—LADIES, LEARN HAIRDRESSING; THE FAMOUS PEAVY SYSTEM; enroll now. CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF HAIRDRESSING, 408 12th st., third floor, opp. Macdonough theater.

A MIDDLE-AGED woman to assist in household; prefer one to sleep at home and who is not afraid of tuberculosis. Merritt 4865.

A RELIABLE young woman for housework; no cooking; small place; 3 adults; \$15 month. Phone Fruitvale 1044-J.

place, 840 Santa Ray, end of Lakeshore car line.

A YOUNG girl to assist with housework in mornings, for room and board and small compensation. Ph. Merritt 2210.

A GIRL for gen. housew. ref., wages \$55. Ph. Oak. 8092, 400 Oakland av.

BRIGHT young girl; must be a stenographer; steady position; give former experience. Box 9366, Tribune.

GOOD girl wanted to help in bakery and around the house; room, board. Call Wednesday, 408 12th, Oakland.

EXPERIENCED laundry help. Apply Campanella Laundry, 2310 Oregon st., Berkeley.

MIDDLE-AGED woman, companion to semi-invalid; splendid home, small wages; 10 a. m. to 2 p. m., mornings. MABEL WILSON—Please call Mrs. Curtis, Berkeley 4563-W.

UNHAPPY girls will find a woman friend to advise and help them at Rockhurst Center, 180 Madison st., 2 to 5 p. m. 2 to 4 p. m. daily; phone East 329.

WANTED—Young woman, 21-30, for clerical work; must have at least 1 year's experience; good chance for advancement; wages \$10.00; 1st fl., near Telegraph and 34th st., Emeryville; see Mr. Steffens.

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Waitress, country.....\$30

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2 compotometer.....\$15

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Chinese, cool.....\$45-50

Wood choppers.....\$4, 8 hrs.

2 granite cutters.....\$4, 8 hrs.

10 Mexican laborers.....\$25-30

1 bricklayer.....\$4, 8 hrs.

3 sal makers.....\$9 day, 8 hrs.

10 Mexican laborers.....\$25-30

20 laborers, Mendocino Co.....\$25-30

Hotels, camps, etc.....\$10-50 wk.

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Unf. 3-4-r.; nr. local; 14th and 15th; 12th; phone Piedmont 2257.

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## NEW CHARGE BRINGS WOETO MRS. HIGGINS

Mrs. Valerie Higgins, woman of mystery and many aliases and claims of royal birth, is again in the role of the law this time with the Federal authorities, who last night took her into custody for alleged sedition and took her to San Francisco.

Mrs. Higgins has been living at 371 Twenty-second street for several months. Her husband is employed by the Sierra Club. Neighbors reported that Mrs. Higgins had said that "President Wilson is an uneducated upstart, and the United States is fighting the war for the money in it," according to the police. Further, she is said to have expressed open regret that she did not have an Austrian flag to give to her son to wave during the Liberty Loan parade and of making other alleged seditious utterances.

### APPEARED IN OAKLAND.

Under the name of Madame Boucrae, Mrs. Higgins appeared in Oakland five years ago, shortly after her romantic tale that she was a daughter of the former Emperor Franz Josef of Austria was burst by the authorities. In August, 1916, she was tried in the Superior Court here on a charge of arson, but was acquitted after a hard fought battle in which she used her infant child as a buffer between herself and the jury.

### APARTMENTS ON FIRE.

It was while Mrs. Higgins was living in the Castlemore apartments on August 4, 1916, that the building caught fire near her rooms in a garbage waste can. A bundle of old newspapers was found in flames when the fire department arrived and the authorities at once became suspicious of Mrs. Higgins. After an investigation she was arrested and although she stoutly protested that she was innocent she was held to answer following a hearing.

While living under the name of Madame Boucrae in fashionable apartments in Alice street during 1915, Mrs. Higgins claimed a husband whom she called "John." She followed the occupation of a modiste and was engaged to fashion gowns for many prominent society women.

Madame Boucrae, as a woman of mystery, was such to her acquaintances as well as to the police. She frequently moved, and she lived in Chicago at the time of the Iroquois theater fire and that five of her children were burned to death.

Following her arrest on the arson charge Mrs. Higgins said that her husband had been leaving home suddenly and remaining away for weeks or months at a time to return as suddenly and without explanation. He was at that time supposed to be engaged in mining.

At the Archduchess Marie Valerie, wife of a son of the Emperor, Francis Salvador of Austria, Mrs. Higgins lived in San Francisco with Mrs. Barbara. Bury of 1227 Full street, and she is alleged to have received a large sum of money from Mrs. Bury upon her representations that the Emperor Franz Josef was her father. She exhibited letters purporting to have been written to her by the Emperor addressing her as "My Dear Daughter of Silesia." The authorities said later that such letters were clever forgeries.

### WAS HEAD DESIGNER.

Before coming to this country ten years ago Mrs. Higgins was head designer for Paris in Paris, according to her stories. The authorities believe that she had been employed as modiste in establishments which catered to members of royal households and in that way she conceived the idea which she later put into her operations in posing as a daughter of royalty.

As near as the authorities have been able to figure out, the mystery of the woman's antecedents, her maiden name was Lily M. Francis. She married a Dr. Richard Roehne in Vienna. They inherited a fortune but lost it and came to America, going to Vancouver first in 1908. On the trip the wife related that she was the Archduchess Marie Valerie. Her husband returned to Europe to investigate and failed to return. The claims as later made in San Francisco were investigated by the Austrian consul, Joseph Gorklar, who designated her an impostor. The signature to the letters presented by Mrs. Higgins did not in any way compare to the authentic signature of the late Emperor, he said.

### ANOTHER AGENT

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Kaiser sent the only one who claims to be a divine agent. When Clarence S. Darrow finished speaking on the war yesterday, Walter Schmitt jumped to a chair and said: "We can not beat Germany, because the world will come to an end February 22. I have been chosen by God to spread the tidings."

### A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Try Chamberlain's Tablets when biliousness constipates. You are certain to be much pleased at them. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by Osgood Bros. Drug Stores. Advertisement.

## National Coal Scuttle Tag Day On January 30

Have you a little coal scuttle in your home?

Well, it's going to be "Tag Day" for coal scuttles next month. Every coal scuttle in Oakland is to be emblazoned with the official tag of the fuel administration—the badge of conservation for the bucket that carries the coal.

School children will do the tagging on Wednesday, January 30.

The "Tag Day" is to be a national affair.

## Tribune Boys Had Time of Their Lives

Three Hundred Carriers Still Talking About Christmas Tree Celebration.

The TRIBUNE carriers are still talking about the Christmas tree celebration and party at Starr King Hall, which broke all records for a successful performance for the entertainment of Oakland newbies. Not only did every one of the 300 boys who carry the TRIBUNE into the thousands of Alameda county homes have the time of their lives, but even the performers who, filled with Christmas spirit, donated their time and their services, went away considerably happier for their part in the evening's fun.

Every one of the audience of six hundred persons who filled the hall to its capacity enjoyed the full program. The one-act playlet, "Why the Chimes Rang," produced by the young women of the Plymouth Center church, was one of the features of the evening. The act was staged under the direction of Miss Sara Kloss, conductor. The cast included Marion Brandt, Eleanor Lewis, Eleanor Davies, Alice Glaser, Helen Faine, Nellie Hatchell, Mildred Dutcher, Beatrice McGuire. The musical portion of the act was the work of Grace Arlett, Ethel Williams, Ruth Williams, Hilda Beckett, and others.

### SOLOS WIN APPLAUSE.

The violin solos of Mrs. Robert Battison, noted Oakland musician, won rounds of applause. Stating with Tapini's "Saltarelle," the player was brought back for several encores by the audience.

His appreciation of good music by shrieks of delight, whistling and a spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm. Mrs. Battison was one of the hits of the program.

The song selection, "Angus MacDonald," from the lips of Mrs. Harry C. Noe, also made a tremendous hit. The song touched every carrier in the place, and as the sweet voice of the singer filled the hall from end to end, the boys and girls listened to break forth in a storm of approval and appreciation when it was ended.

Miss Louise Lacoste, the "Little Teardrop," in original song hits, brought the boys up on their feet with wild cheers. Harry E. Lark in an "Uncle Josh" humoresque rocked the place with jokes and rural quips that made him instantly popular.

### SING WITH HIM.

The instrumental selection by Leonard Pennington and Albert Deasy brought more enthusiasm from the carrier routs and they joined in the grand singing of "America" with a will in which patriotism and Christmas spirit vied with each other for utterance.

The recitation, "The End of the Play," by Carl Green now, was a happy number and a contribution from their own ranks.

So it is that today, looking back over what they saw, THE TRIBUNE carriers are still talking about the party, and the very royal entertainment which they were accorded through the generosity of a loyal few, who halted their own affairs to give the boys a good time.

### IN SUICIDE PACT

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—Prosecution of Stanley Hunter, 28 years old, a former University of Washington student, as a slacker, has revealed that he and his mother, Mrs. Mat. Hunter, 72, had formed a suicide pact. He had agreed with his mother to shoot himself if forced into the service of his country. She also agreed to take her own life.

Hunter refused to register and was long in hiding. When found, Hunter was caged in his mother's arms and refused to accompany his captors to jail. He was handcuffed while still in her embrace, it being necessary to separate the two by force.

Anti-war literature was found in the Hunter home.

## WAS BUSIEST DAY IN HISTORY OF OAKLAND

Oakland stores handled a greater volume of business Saturday than on any previous day in the history of this city. This was the consensus of opinion by the hundreds of department stores, stores handling Christmas goods of various kinds, the larger groceries, jewelry stores and shops handling general merchandise.

The usual average of Christmas business this year will overtop that of a year ago by a considerable margin, according to the statements made.

The tremendous volume of Christmas buying which kept every store in the city busy all day Saturday was being at most equaled if not exceeded today. All the stores were crowded throughout the day.

### SAN FRANCISCO GAINS.

Reports from San Francisco indicated that the average Christmas sales this year would exceed last year's total, but by a lesser margin than was reported from the stores on this side of the bay. The reports from San Francisco did not run on such optimistic lines as those from Oakland.

The increased number of industrial concerns, manufacturing plants, shipbuilding yards, factories which have come to Oakland in the past year is given as the reason for at least a portion of the huge Christmas business. It was reported from many stores that pay checks from the shipyards, from local motor companies, and from various factories were being received and cashed in large numbers, and that this "pay check business" was a considerable volume as part of the Christmas buying.

Another factor to which the many Christmas sales were traced was the fact that families in which sons and brothers are in the army are doubling and trebling their usual Christmas gifts to the boys in camp. All the firms handling Christmas boxes to be sent to the army and navy camps reported a great demand for the little luxuries which would make the boys happy over Christmas in their training quarters and away from home.

### HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Probably 1500 men from the army and navy camps have come home on Christmas furlough, and in the homes in which these reunions have been made possible big Christmas celebrations are taking place with festivities that outlast the hour of the season.

Saturday night the business in many of the stores was so heavy that street doors were closed several times to give the clerks and assistants an opportunity to clear away their customers. Crowds, such as was in front of motion picture theaters when an unusual show is advertised, gathered before the stores, waiting to get in to make their purchases.

They were taxed to the limit, and Saturday night the cars on all the main lines were jammed with shoppers loaded down with bundles.

"The biggest day in our history," was the expression from manager after manager.

"Almost swamped with business," was the answer of many of the stores. "Very fine increase in business," "Best sales we have had here," "Tremendous amount of business," "Hardly able to handle the trade," were the answers to the query to the Christmas sales.

### What is doing TO-NIGHT.

Fitchburg S. & L. Club, meets, 7227 Broadway.

University Mothers' Club gives Christmas party at the Hotel Berkeley.

Orpheum-Harriet Rempel and vaudeville.

Pentagon-Winifred Gilman and her dancing girls.

Columbia-Jim Loet in a Trip to China.

Hippodrome-Rupert Drum.

T. & P.—The Judgment House.

American-Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp.

Kinema-Ruby de Remer in The Auction Block.

Franklin-J. Barney Sherry in Fanatics.

Broadway-Barbara Castleton in On Trial.

Lake Merritt-Boating.

Elks play baseball. Coast League baseball grounds, 11 A. M.

PAID LAST RITES

Men of the Southern Pacific service, from pioneers of the railroad to the new generation, gathered yesterday to pay a last tribute to Louis Puzigar, pioneer ferryboat engineer and one of the oldest men in the service, whose funeral was held yesterday at the Albert Brown Chapel. Interment was today.

Puzigar entered the service of the Central Pacific in 1850 and was in the employ of the railroad continuously until a few years ago, when he retired. He had made his home for fifty years in West Oakland and was 81 years old. He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Marie Puzigar, and two sons, Edward and Frank. He was a native of Germany.

HELD AS SLAYER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—After a diligent seven-day search for the murderer of Samuel Lepore, whose mutilated body was found buried under a pile of straw in a barn in the heart of Los Angeles last Monday morning, detectives yesterday arrested Nicholas Porrazzo, a court clerk, 413 E. 22nd St., 229 Mission street, and charged him with the murder of Lepore.

DIES AT HOSPITAL

George Borge, 66 years of age, died at the Emergency hospital last night following a stroke of apoplexy in his room at 516 Hobart street. Mrs. Elizabeth Polz, landlady, became alarmed over the fact that Borge had not been out of his room for twenty-four hours and an investigation disclosed that he was ill. He was removed to the hospital, where he died.

FORMS CORPORATION

The Western Oil Company, a \$20,000 corporation, has been formed by E. H. Nash, H. O. Alexander and H. S. Lusk, all of Oakland, for the purpose of acquiring and developing mineral lands.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER TO BE COSTLY

With turkey reaching the 35-cent mark on the commission market, cranberries practically gone and last heard of at \$20 a barrel, celery at a slight advance and the demand for other meats higher than last year, and other "trimmings" also at slight advances on the market, Oakland's Christmas dinner tomorrow, if overcooked or otherwise, will be a luxury.

Turkeys are retelling this Christmas at practically the same figure as last year, with some of the highest class birds at even a higher figure. The Christmas demand was heavier than the commission men had expected, and the Texas supply and stored birds, expected to work as a "bear" on the market, failed to hold down prices. The aversion to hold down prices. The aversion to hold down prices. The aversion to hold down prices.

Cranberries early last week rose from \$18 to \$19 a barrel, and continued at the \$19 price until Saturday when the heavy demand and the scarce supply reached the \$20 mark. Today there were practically none to be had, possibly four commission houses having the remains of a barrel or a few boxes. The retail trade, however, has all been supplied, and the demand for the festive turkey tomorrow.

Oakland and the bay area region handled an enormous amount of turkeys this year. Several big firms have been out soliciting consignments until yesterday, and their operations reached the 47,000-pound mark. This amount was topped by Swift and Company, according to the commission market, while Walter Harris dealt in 45,000 pounds. S. Herman figured in the trade for tons and handled six carloads of Christmas trees beside. The San Francisco Produce Company, Hunt, Hatch and Company, Charles W. Gallagher, Fred Dietrich and other firms broke all records for handling birds. This year many were handled on consignment instead of under the old buying system, which acted also as a stimulant to commission men, who thus felt safer in accepting larger quantities of goods. The Levy-Zentner Company wholesaled heavy quantities of chestnuts—which sold firm at 20 cents per pound, another record price—and cranberries. The increased population of the city was a large factor in setting these records.

Christmas trees are practically "cleaned up" on the market. Many firms had trouble in getting cars to handle the trees, and as a result the demand exceeded the supply.

### SPEED UP CARS

Plans to speed up the street car service between Oakland and adjacent cities through the inauguration of the "skip-stop" have been taken up by the management of the Traction Company with the authorities of the different cities with a view of commencing the new service the first of the year.

The "skip-stop" service the cars on the different main arteries of traffic would stop at every corner or alternative. Through this system it is said that much more rapid time could be made between Oakland and Berkeley as well as San Leandro and Hayward without putting on additional cars.

### IN FEDERAL NET

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Arrested today for evading the draft, Walter Subert was turned over to the federal authorities when he was found to be wearing a ring that is claimed to be his identification as a member of the German secret service.

## U.S. Tailors Have Agreed To Save Cloth in 1918



## AUTO ROBBERY STAGED AT FERRY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—With a revolver pressed into his ribs, Frank Coelho, jitney driver, was forced by a bandit yesterday afternoon to drive him away from the Ferry building while several hundred persons who had just arrived on a ferryboat looked on, unable to help him.

"I'm being held up and robbed!" shouted Coelho to the dismayed onlookers.

"Keep on going!" ordered the bandit, emphasizing his order with pokes from the revolver, and the jitney driver was forced to obey him.

The stranger told Coelho to drive out the Embarcadero, thence to Mission and on to Spier street. When at a point about opposite pier 30, Coelho says, the stranger still holding the gun against him, made him put one hand up, and while in this position he was robbed of about \$2.50 and a watch. Satisfying himself that Coelho had nothing of value left, the highwayman climbed out on the running board of the machine while it was still in motion and dropped off, throwing

## CENSORSHIP OF MAILS IS STARTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Censorship of foreign mails, authorized by the trading with the enemy law, now is in full force under a board on which the postoffice, war and navy departments, the war trade board and the committee on public information are represented.

Through branch offices at New York, the Panama Canal Zone, Porto Rico, and such other places as may be necessary, the board plans to carry on the work with as little interference to legitimate correspondence as is possible. The work of the organization was begun on November 1 and at the request of the government the news was not published at that time. The government now has withdrawn its request for secrecy.

The board is in close co-operation with the British and French censorship. It will combine with censorship of foreign mails the present censorship of wireless and cables.

Coelho returned as fast as possible and reported the case to the police.

## BUSINESS AID GIVEN TO SOLDIERS

Acting under instruction from the State Council of Defense and under a plan formulated by A. H. Naffziger, vice-chairman of that body, all county councils of defense in California have been called upon to organize a special committee which shall be known as a "Soldiers' Business Aid Committee."

The purpose of this committee shall be to render assistance to United States soldiers, sailors and marines in managing the details of their private business while they are away from home and to render them assistance in obtaining employment when they return. The services of the committees and others assisting them is to be purely voluntary.

Eight different phases of business aid and welfare work for enlisted men will be undertaken by each county committee, according to the announcement made today. These activities will cover the following fields:

1. To suppose in his insurance policies, no failure to pay taxes on property nor interest on mortgage indebtedness, and to make such legal transfers of property as the soldier or his family may desire.

2. To see that no advantage shall be taken of any soldier in legal proceedings in which he may be a party, or in which he may have an interest.

3. To look after and to assist in caring for all persons who may be or who may hereafter become dependent upon a soldier for support.

4. To arrange for special training or education of soldiers, partially disabled by wounds or disease.

5. To see that all soldiers who are called to the colors are properly registered, so that they may vote during their absence.

6. To perform any other service for soldiers, when necessity therefor arises during their absence at the front.

Each Soldiers' Business Aid Committee in each county shall serve the soldiers from that county exclusively and shall have the right to constitute branch or township committees in each place and of such number as it may be thought proper.

## TO GIVE PROCEEDS

The proceeds to be derived from the dance to be given tomorrow evening by the La Paloma Club will be turned over to the fund being collected by a committee for the victims of the Halifax disaster.

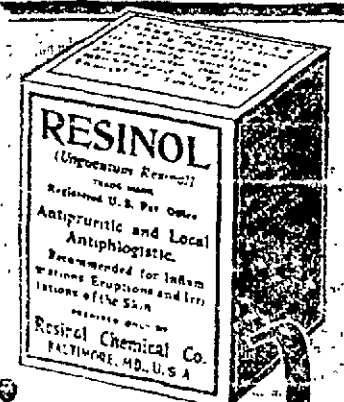
The committee for the victims of the Halifax disaster is now making the most strenuous efforts to make the affair a social and financial success.

On New Year's night every soldier and sailor in uniform who is in Oakland at that date will be the guest of the duet at the New Year's dance which is to be the big event of the La Paloma series.

At the dance last Tuesday a considerable amount of money was turned into the Moose Club committee for the Halifax survivors.

The La Paloma Club is one of the first organizations to start the work of aiding the Canadian sufferers through funds derived from social functions.

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